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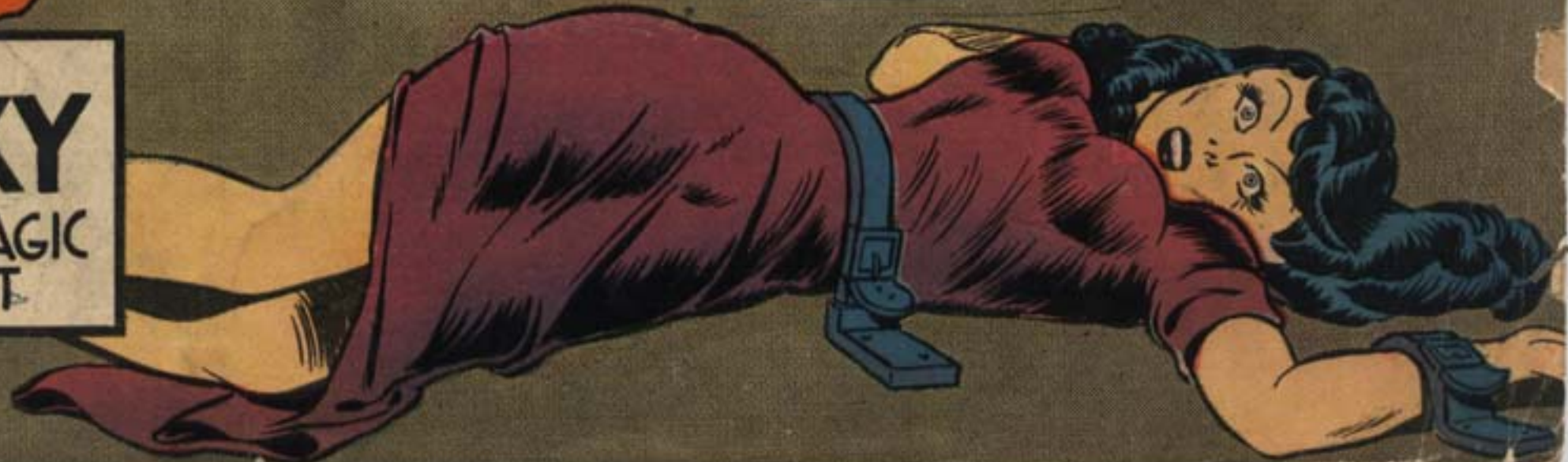
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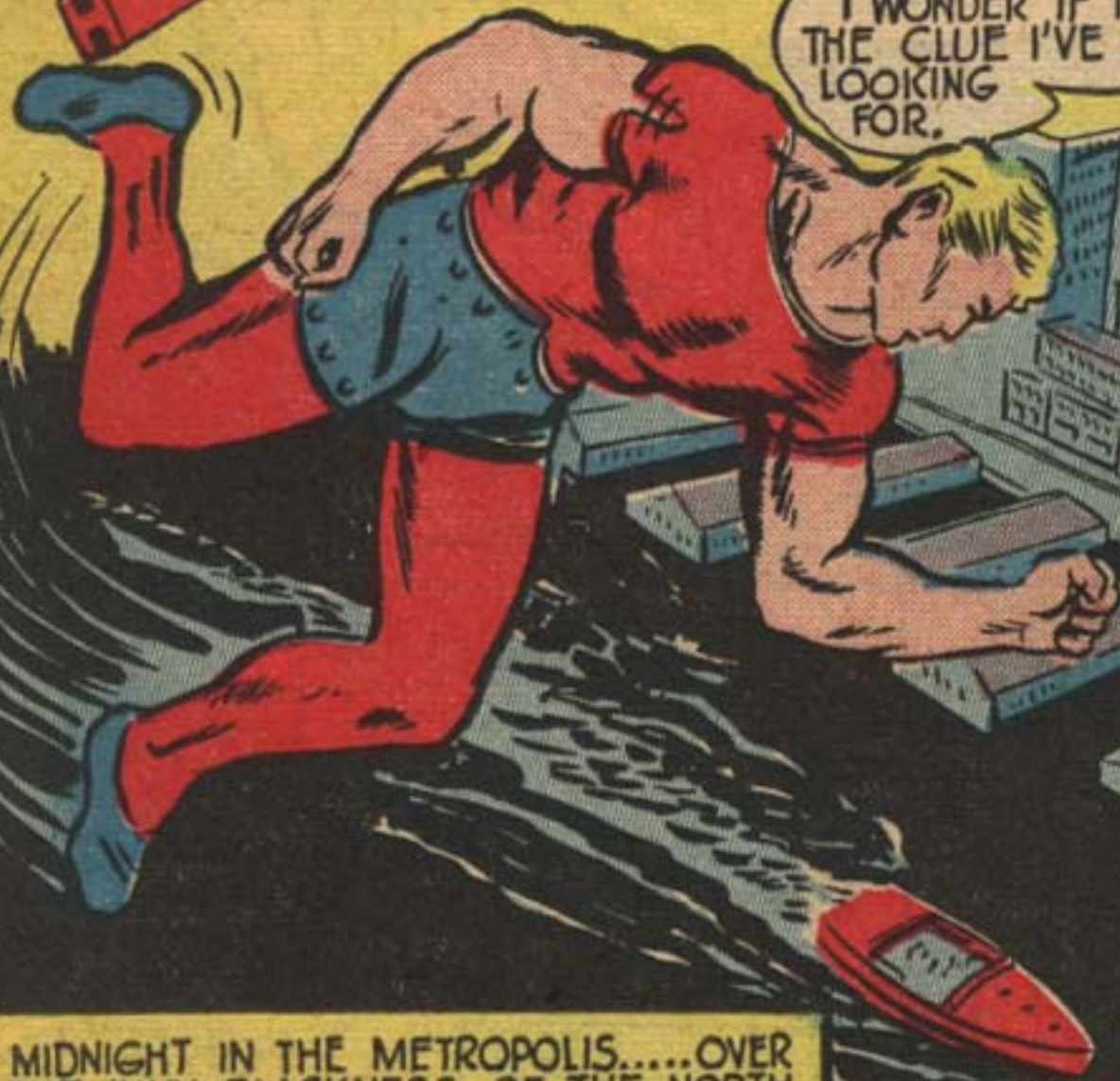
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STEEL STERLING

MAN OF STEEL



I WONDER IF THAT'S THE CLUE I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.



MIDNIGHT IN THE METROPOLIS.....OVER THE INKY BLACKNESS OF THE NORTH RIVER ROARS A SPEED-BOAT, WHILE... HIGH ABOVE.... RAYS THE FIGURE OF STEEL STERLING, MAN OF STEEL!

THE WATERS REACH THEIR GREATEST DEPTH AT THIS POINT!...LET US HERE DISPOSE OF THE BODY!





WELL, WELL! A FINE TIME FOR SOMEONE TO BE PRACTICING HIS DIVING!



BEHOLD! STERLING!

WITNESS! LET US HASTILY DEPART FROM THIS LOCATION!

THE MYSTERIOUS CRAFT VEERS AROUND IN A TIGHT ARC AND ZOOMS DOWN THE RIVER!



HERE'S WHERE THAT MAN... OR THAT BODY... WENT DOWN! AIR BUBBLES ARE STILL RISING!



DEAD!.. BUT NOT FROM DROWNING! THIS MAN HAS BEEN BURNED TO DEATH LIKE THOSE OTHERS THE POLICE FOUND!



SOME DISTANCE DOWNSTREAM THE SPEEDY CRAFT CUTS CROSS-RIVER AND HEADS STRAIGHT FOR A WATER-FRONT BUILDING!



A BRIEF BLAST FROM THE SHIP'S HORN... AND THE WALL OF THE BUILDING MOVES UPWARD!





THE BOAT TIES UP AT A SECRET DOCK INSIDE...



THE MASTER AWAITS OUR RETURN!



THE BODY OF OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED TREACHEROUS COMRADE HAS BEEN DEPOSITED IN A SAFE RESTING PLACE! IT IS OUR PLEASURE, LING YUNG, TO SERVE YOU!



NOT MUCH I CAN DO FOR THAT POOR FELLOW! THE POLICE WILL FIND HIM HERE ON THE DOCK AND TAKE CARE OF HIM!



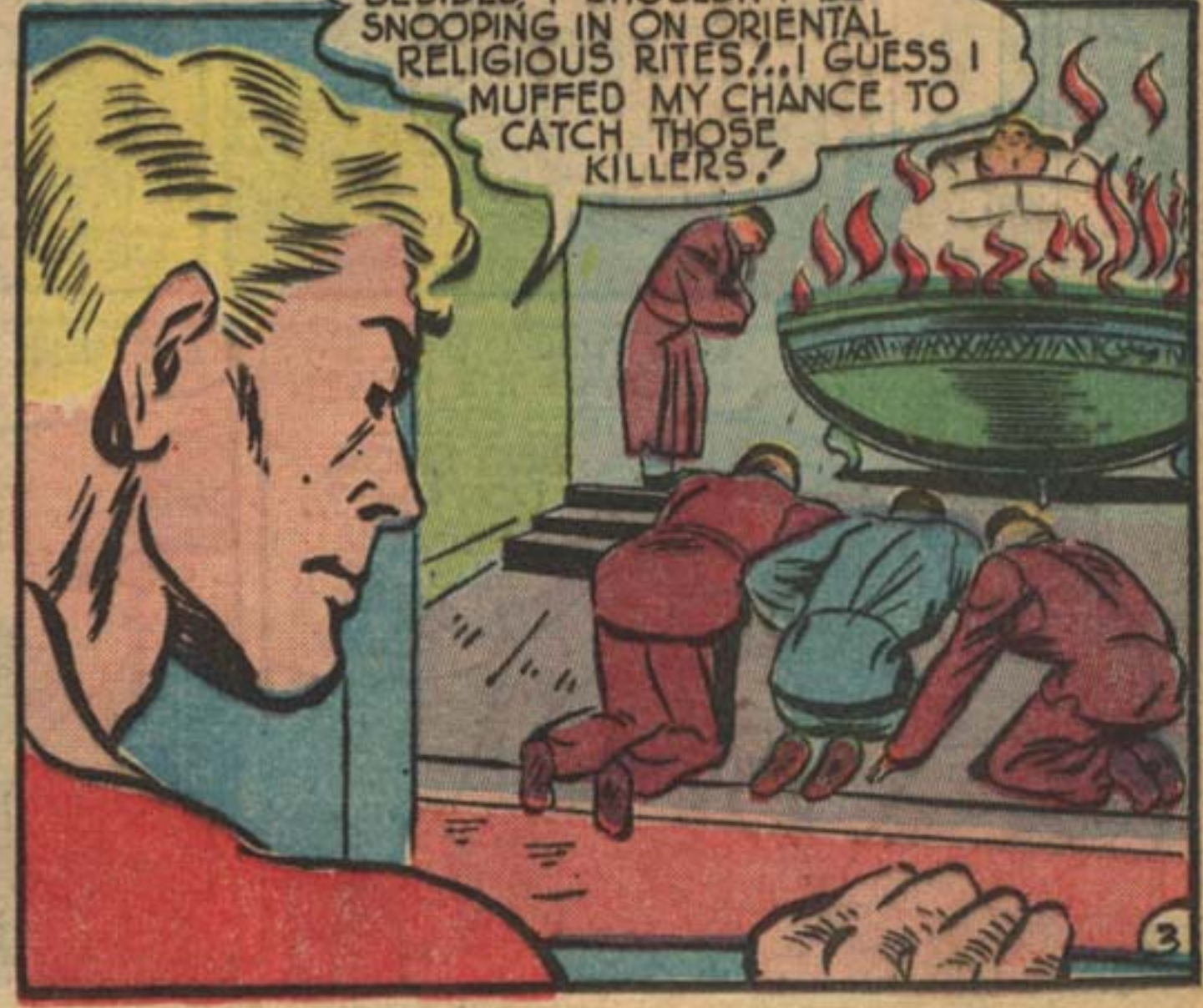
NOW TO FIND THAT BOAT!



HEY!.. THAT'S FUNNY!.. I COULD HAVE SWORN THE SHIP WAS RIGHT AROUND HERE, A MINUTE AGO



A LIGHTED WINDOW!.. MIGHT AS WELL GIVE A LOOK!



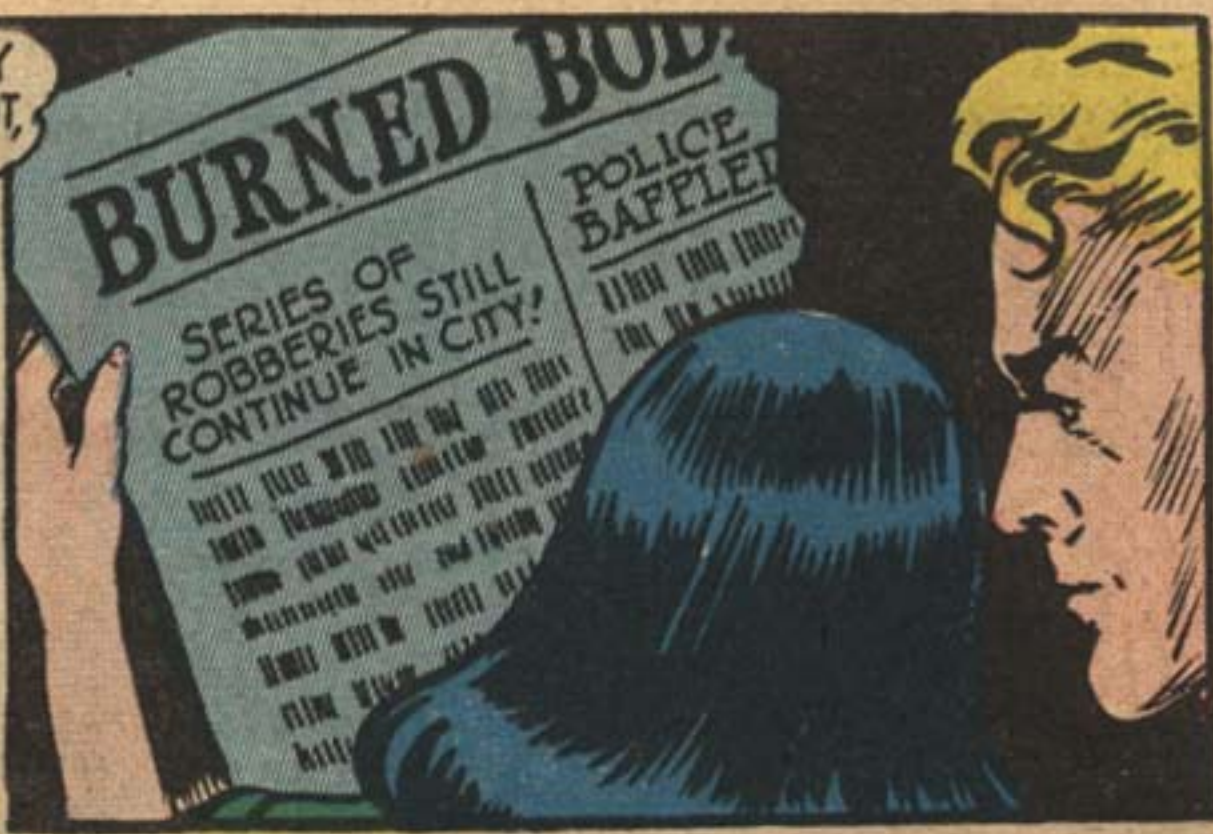
THIS ISN'T MUCH HELP! BESIDES, I SHOULDN'T BE SNOOPING IN ON ORIENTAL RELIGIOUS RITES!.. I GUESS I MUFFED MY CHANCE TO CATCH THOSE KILLERS!



NEXT MORNING

AND SO DORA, I WAITED TOO LONG! THE BOAT DISAPPEARED!

THAT'S AWFULLY PECULIAR!.. BUT, TAKE A LOOK AT THE PAPER!



BURNED BOB

SERIES OF ROBBERIES STILL CONTINUE IN CITY!

POLICE BAPPELED



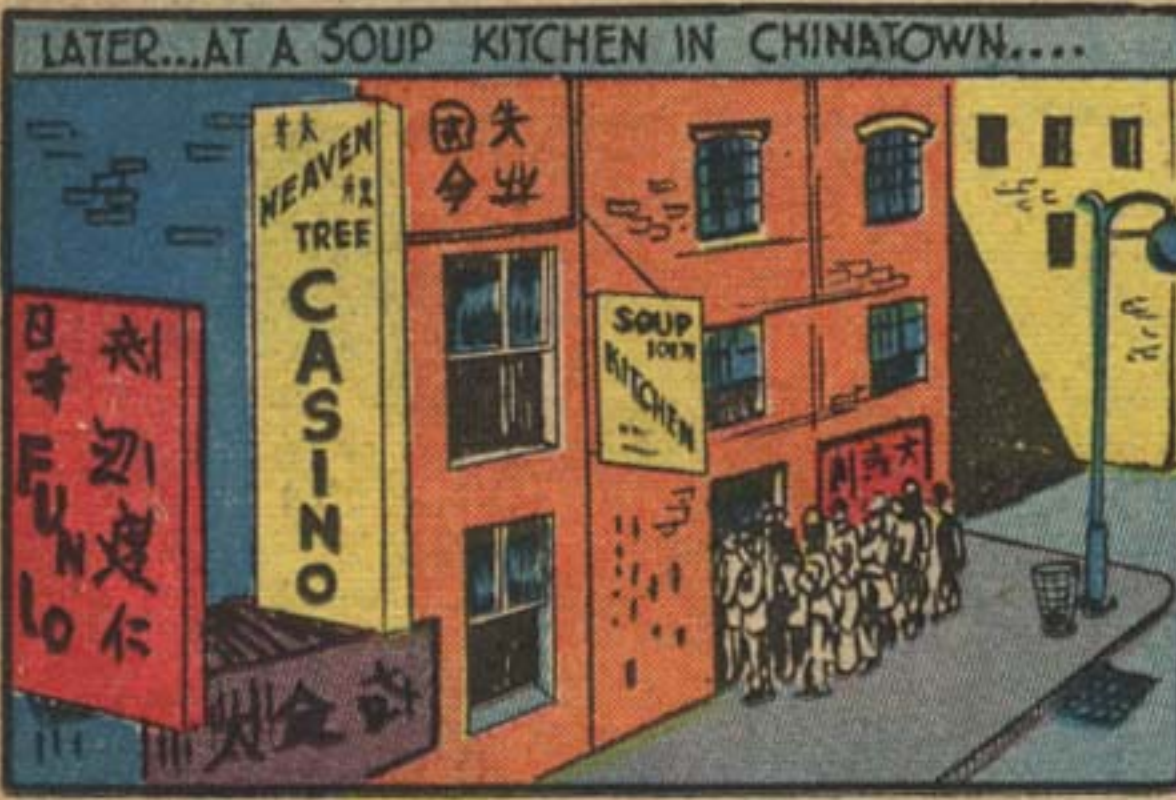
AND WHAT ABOUT THOSE STRANGE ROBBERIES THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON? INNOCENT MEN ARE BEING ARRESTED!

I KNOW THOSE THEFTS ARE PECULIAR! BUT MY FIRST CONCERN IS TO SOLVE THE KILLINGS!



THE MAN OF STEEL.. A MASTER OF DISGUISE... OUTFITS HIMSELF AS A DERELICT OF THE STREETS,

THE ONLY CLUE I HAVE, IS THAT THE BOAT DISAPPEARED IN THE CHINATOWN SECTION!... I MAY AS WELL START LOOKING AROUND, DOWN THERE!



LATER... AT A SOUP KITCHEN IN CHINATOWN....



WARM FOOD FOR THE STOMACH IS FOOD FOR THE SOUL! EAT YOUR FILL!.. MY MASTER, LING YUNG, PROVIDES IT WITH HIS COMPLIMENTS!

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LING YUNG, DID YA SAY? HE OWNS THE HEAVEN TREE CASINO, NEXT DOOR, DON'T HE?.. CHEE!.. HE MUST BE A SWELL GUY!



AIN'T THIS TH' NUTS, BUDDY?

BAH! YOU KIN HAVE YOUR HAND-OUTS! I WANT ME OWN DOUGH!.. AN' I DON'T CARE HOW I GET IT, EITHER!



I BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS. BUT I HEARD YOU WISH FOR MONEY...PERHAPS MY MASTER, LING YUNG, CAN GIVE YOU WORK!

OKAY WIT' ME PAL...I HEAR DIS GUY LING, HAS LOTS OF DOUGH!



THIS LING YUNG MUST BE A PRETTY NICE FELLOW, TO HELP THESE BOYS GET WORK!...BUT WHAT'S THIS OUTSIDE? TOURISTS GOING SLUMMING, EH?

FOLLOW PLEASE!



AT THE CURB OUTSIDE THE SOUP KITCHEN...

STEP INTO THE SOUP KITCHEN, FOLKS!...RUN BY A WEALTHY ORIENTAL, LING YUNG! STEP IN AND TAKE A LOOK!



THINK OF ALL THE YEARS WE'VE LIVED IN THIS CITY...AND NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE!

I'M SO GLAD WE CAME! PEOPLE IN THE CITIES DON'T REALIZE HOW MUCH THEY'RE MISSING 'TIL THEY LOOK AROUND A BIT!



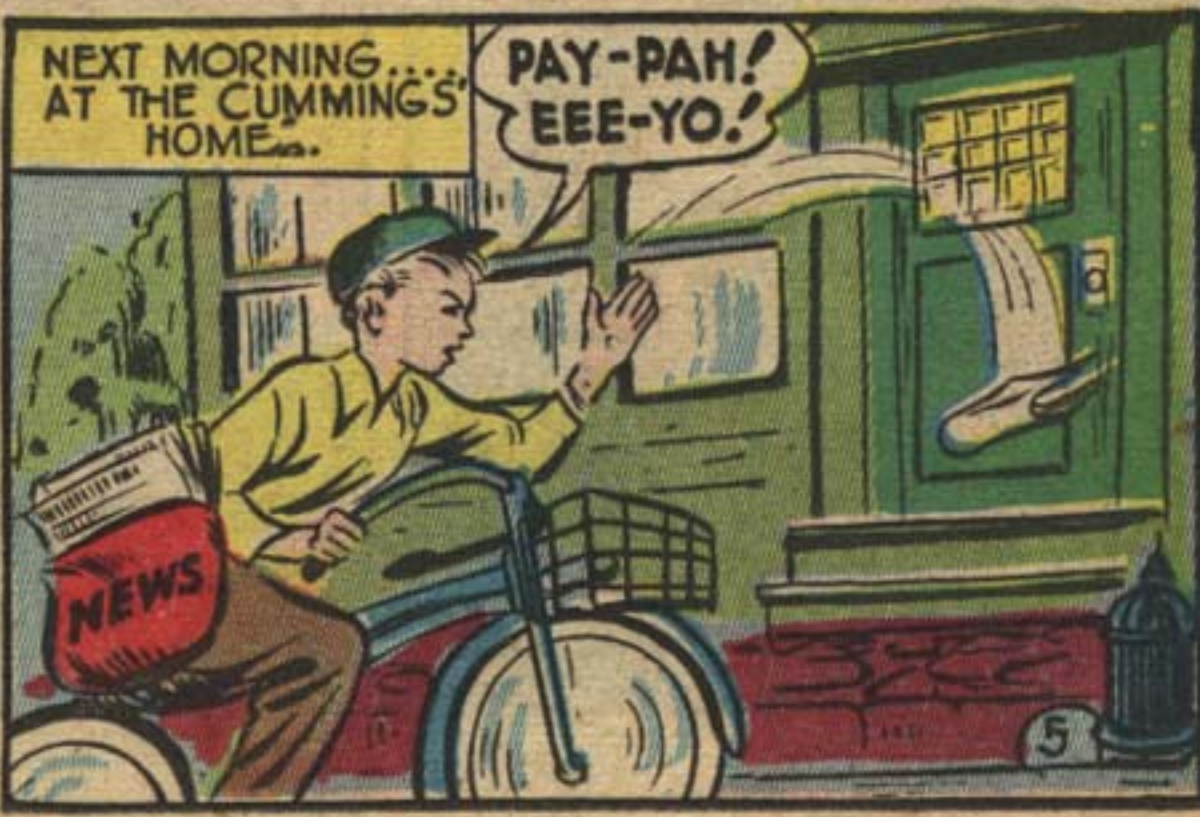
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THAT YOUNG MAN WITH THE GIRL IS GOING TO BE MINUS HIS WALLET IN A SECOND!



JUST A PICK-POCKET TRYING TO PICK UP A DISHONEST LIVING! WELL, WELL!

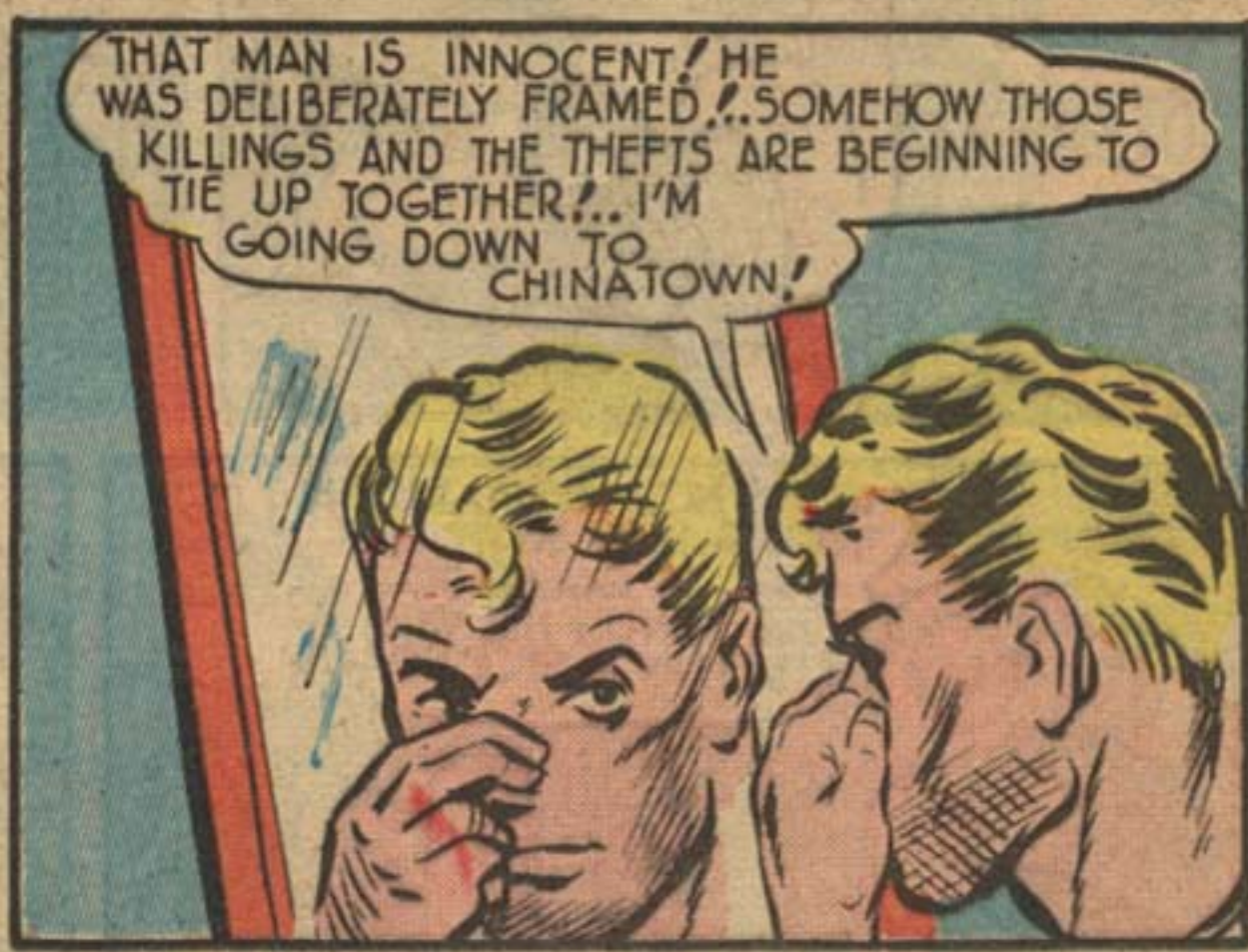


I'D LIKE TO SOCK HIM ONE FOR THAT, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO MIX UP IN ANY TROUBLE...MIGHT AS WELL MAKE AN EXIT, NOW...NOTHING DOING HERE!



NEXT MORNING... AT THE CUMMING'S HOME...

PAY-PAH! EEE-YO!



RIGHT UP THE FIRE ESCAPE INTO THE SWANKY "RITZ" APARTMENT!



FIRST I HAVE TO EMPTY THE SAFE, THE BOSS SAID!



THERE... I PLANT THIS GLOVE I SWIPED FROM A TOURIST! ... HE'LL BE PICKED UP FOR THE ROBBERY, AN' THEN I'LL BE SAFE!



AH! EVERYTHING IS JUST LIKE THE BOSS PLANNED! ... AND NOBODY'S SEEN A THING!



INSINUATING THAT I'M A "NOBODY," MISTER?



I'M READY FOR YOU, WHOEVER YOU ARE!

YOU'RE NOT ONLY READY... YOU'RE OVER-DUE!



YOU DON'T LOOK MUCH LIKE A CANARY... BUT COME ON... START SINGING!



NOW I KNOW WHO YOU ARE! YOU'RE STERLING... YEAH! YEAH... I'LL TALK! I WAS HIRED BY LING YUNG TO PULL THIS JOB! A BUNCH OF OTHER GUYS ARE OUT TONIGHT, TOO! BUT IT WON'T DO YOU NO GOOD FOR YOU TO GO AFTER LING!... YOU'LL NEVER GET ANY EVIDENCE! HIS MEN ARE TOO LOYAL TO SQUEAL!





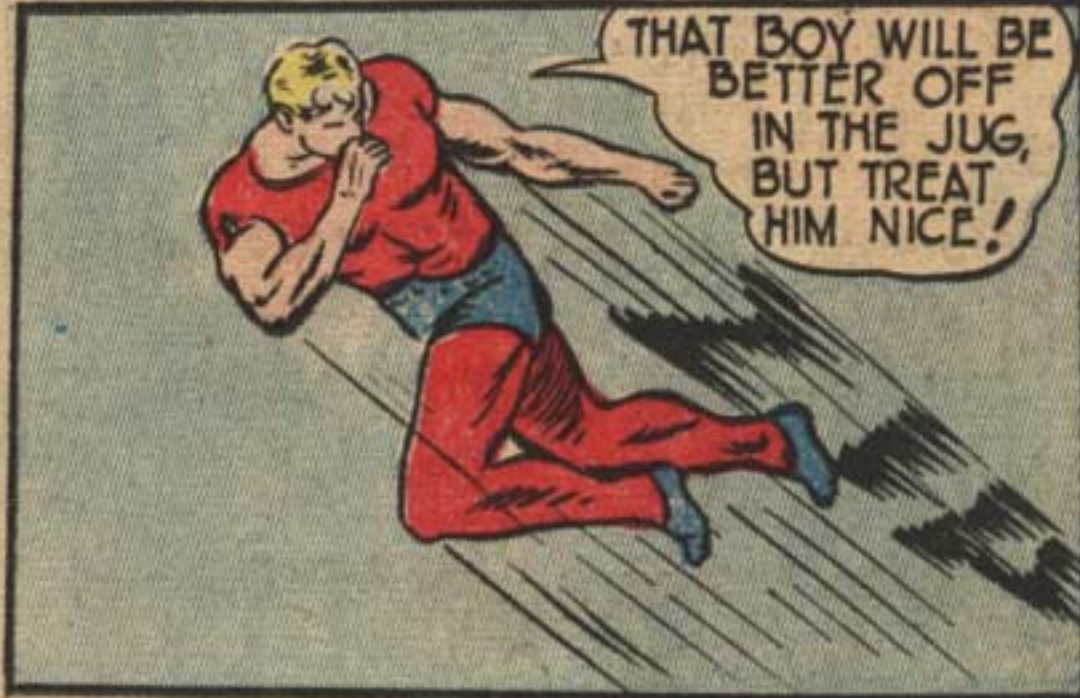
WHERE ARE YOU TAKIN' ME?

TO THE POLICE!...ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CONFESS TO YOUR CRIME!



AND DON'T MENTION LING YUNG'S NAME, UNDERSTAND? I DON'T WANT THEM RUINING MY PLAN!

CASSIDY! BY ME BROTHER, HARRY..LOOK!



THAT BOY WILL BE BETTER OFF IN THE JUG, BUT TREAT HIM NICE!



NOW!... FOR A NON-STOP TRIP TO DORA'S!



BUT IF I'M STEEL'S PAL, WHY DON'T HE LET ME HELP HIM?

HE'LL PROBABLY GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU SOON, LOONEY!



HELLO, LOONEY! YOU'RE JUST THE ONE I WANT TO SEE!

YIPPEE!



DRESS UP LIKE A BUM AND GO DOWN TO CHINATOWN TO THE SOUP KITCHEN! TRY TO GET YOURSELF A JOB! THEN WAIT FOR ME TO SHOW UP! GET IT?

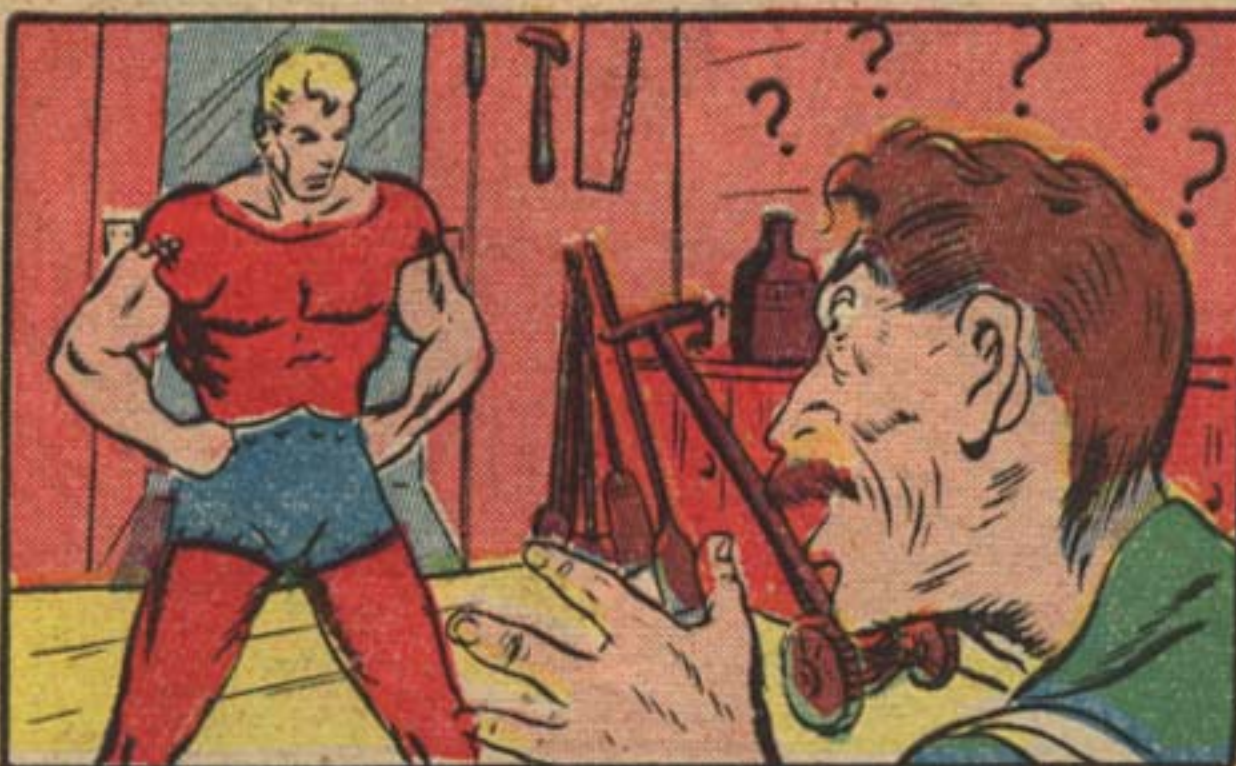
SOUP KITCHEN?... WHAT KIND OF SOUP HAVE THEY GOT? I DON'T LIKE SOUP STEEL!



THE MAN OF STEEL ZIPS ON HIS WAY..



I GUESS NOBODY WANTS TO BUY ANYTHING MORE TONIGHT!.. HO HUM.. MIGHT AS WELL CLOSE UP THE HARDWARE STORE AND GO HOME!



THIS TOOL CHEST CONTAINS HAMMER, SCREW-DRIVER, SWIVEL HINGES, SAW, ETC. ..GOOD!.. I'LL TAKE IT!.. HERE! ..KEEP THE CHANGE!

SAW, HAMMER, HINGE.. YES! UH.. GULP!



HEY! I'LL DRILL YA IF!.. OH! GOSH, IT'S YOU, STEEL!

YOUR EYES ARE STILL GOOD CLANCY! NOW LET'S SEE HOW GOOD YOUR NERVES ARE!.. NOW TAKE THIS TOOL CHEST AND....



I'VE GOT A FEW CROOKS TO ROUND UP BEFORE THEY INVOLVE INNOCENT CITIZENS!.. SEE YOU LATER!

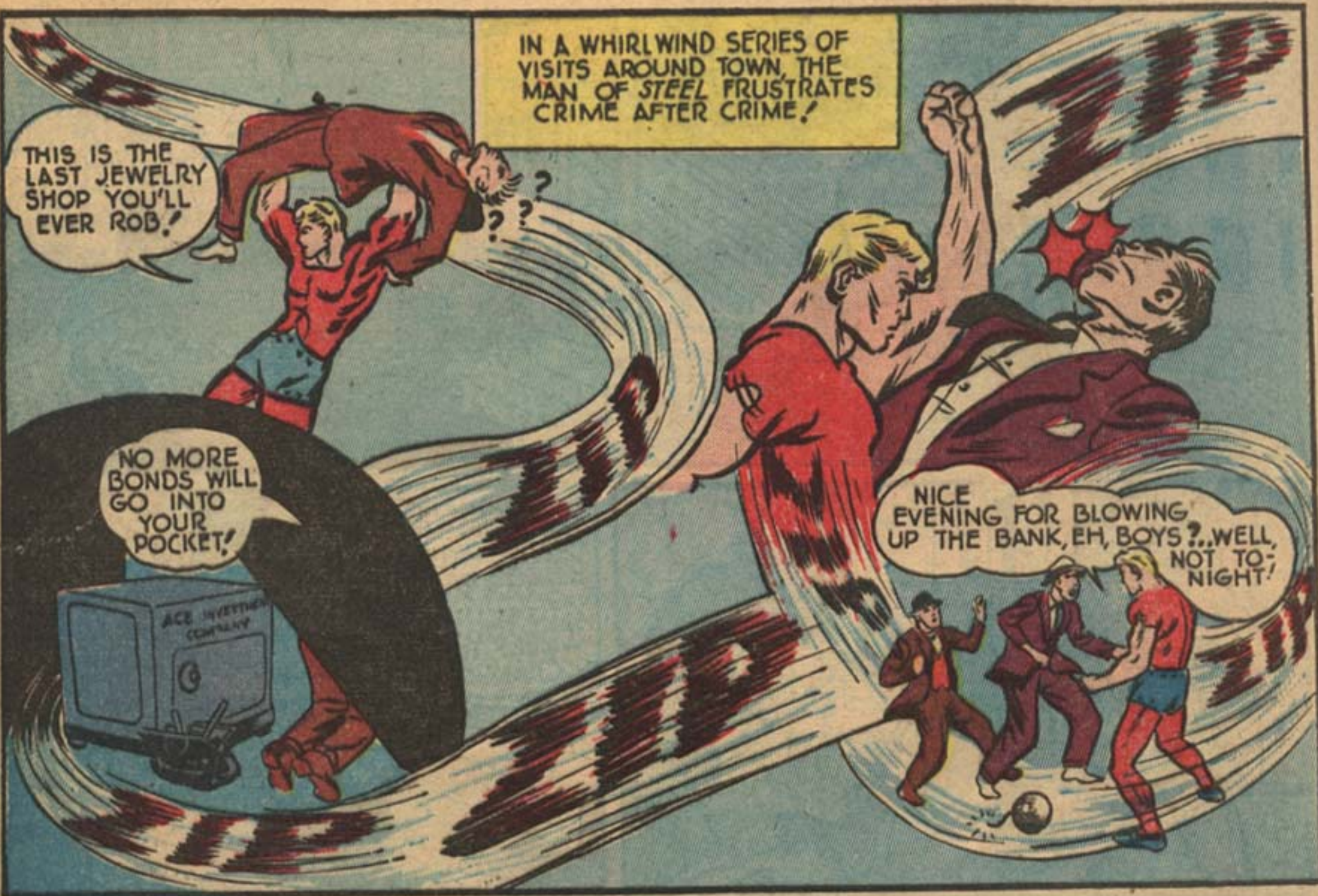
STERLING TELLS HIS PLAN TO CLANCY AND DEPARTS!

IN A WHIRLWIND SERIES OF VISITS AROUND TOWN, THE MAN OF STEEL FRUSTRATES CRIME AFTER CRIME!

THIS IS THE LAST JEWELRY SHOP YOU'LL EVER ROB!

NO MORE BONDS WILL GO INTO YOUR POCKET!

NICE EVENING FOR BLOWING UP THE BANK, EH, BOYS?..WELL, NOT TO-NIGHT!

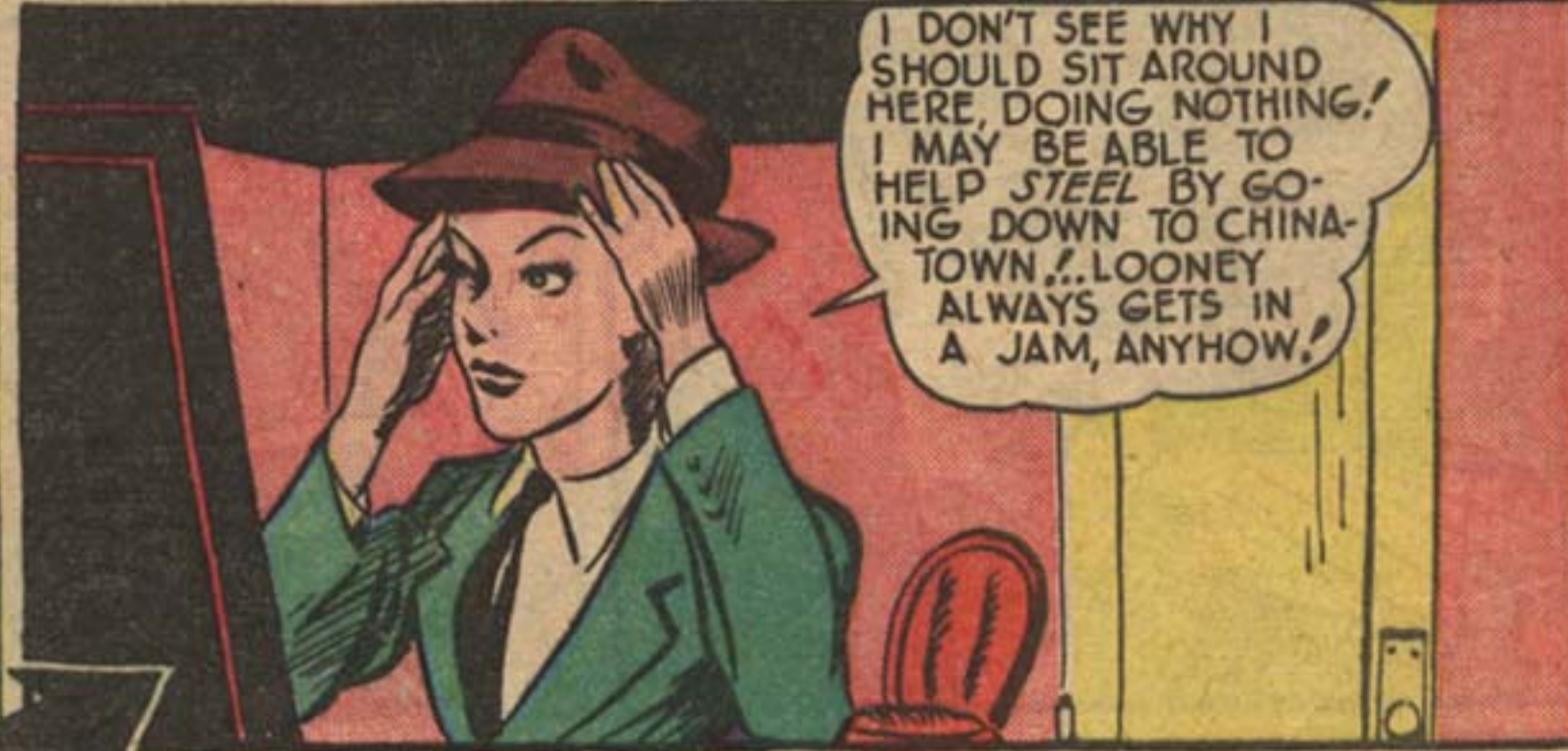


MEANWHILE..

IF LOONEY CAN DRESS UP LIKE A BUM, I CAN TOO!



I DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULD SIT AROUND HERE, DOING NOTHING! I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP STEEL BY GOING DOWN TO CHINA-TOWN,..LOONEY ALWAYS GETS IN A JAM, ANYHOW!



IN LING YUNG'S SOUP KITCHEN..

I SHALL BE PLEASED TO TAKE YOU BEFORE THE GREAT LING YUNG,.. WALK AHEAD, PLEASE!

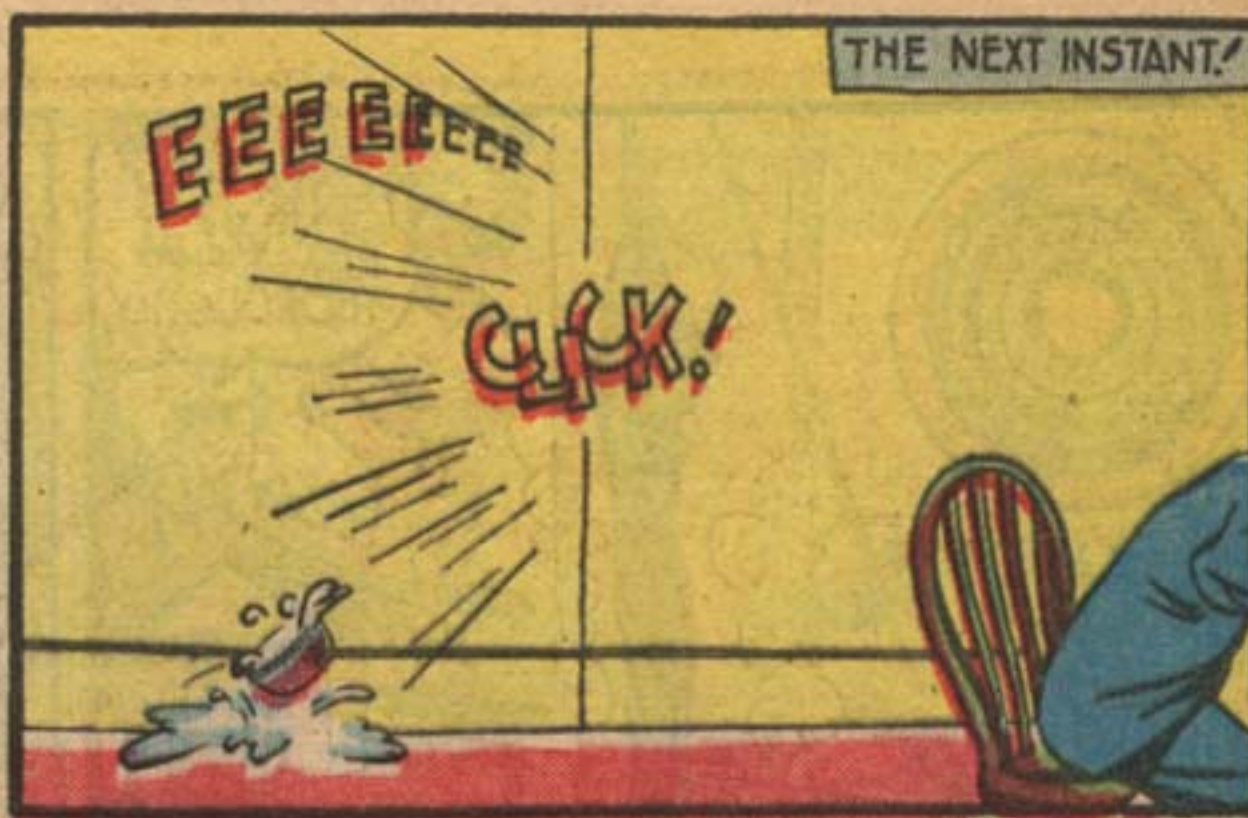
AN' SO I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD HELP ME GET A JOB OF SOME KIND!



I'M PRETTY HANDY WITH MY DUKES AND BLAB, BLAB, BLAB.

REGARD THE YOUNG BOY!..SEE THE HAIR IN THE BACK!.. 'TIS NOT A BOY, BUT A GIRL!.. A SPY, PERHAPS.





LOONEY MEETS LING YUNG





天大
SLOWLY NOW!
LOWER HER
GENTLY!
ROAST HER
THOROUGHLY!



THAT'S JUST ABOUT ENOUGH
OF THAT! THE ODDS ARE
AGAINST ME, BUT HERE
GOES NOTHING!



GET THAT GIRL OUT
OF THERE, OR I'LL
PLUG THE WHOLE
BUNCH OF YOU!
HEAR ME?



YOU DON'T
BELIEVE
ME, HUH!

BANG

BANG



BUT LOONEY IS OVERPOWERED..

TIE HIM UP,
ALSO!

BANG



THIS IS MORE THAN I HAD EXPECTED!.. TONIGHT THERE
SHALL BE A DOUBLE TORTURE! YOUR BODIES WILL
BE BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION.. THEN WE SHALL
TOSS YOU INTO THE RIVER.. AS

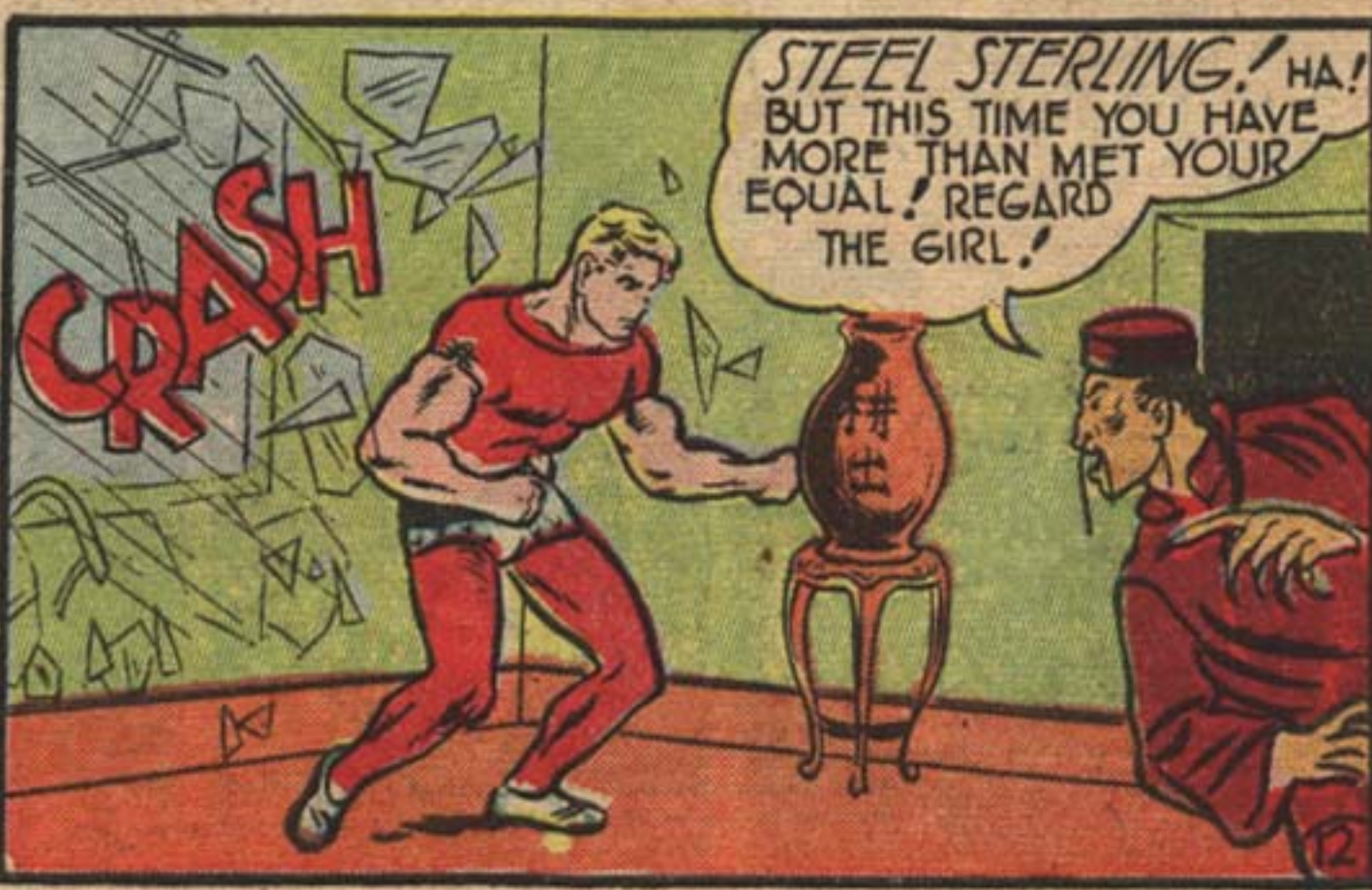
WE DID THE OTHERS
WHO DARED TO
OPPOSE
LING YUNG!



THESE WINDOWS
ARE PRETTY DIRTY!
MIND IF I COME
INSIDE FOR A
BETTER VIEW?

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CRASH
CRASH

STEEL STERLING! HA!
BUT THIS TIME YOU HAVE
MORE THAN MET YOUR
EQUAL! REGARD
THE GIRL!



I GET IT! ONE STEP NEARER AND THE GIRL DIES, EH?

OKAY LING YUNG, YOU WIN! BUT LOOK AT YOUR GOD!



THE WHITE JADE GOD!

IT SPEAKS!

IT MOVES!

IT LIVES!



YOU HAVE DEFILED MY PRESENCE WITH YOUR VILE ACTS! I COMMAND YOU TO RELEASE THE PRISONERS!



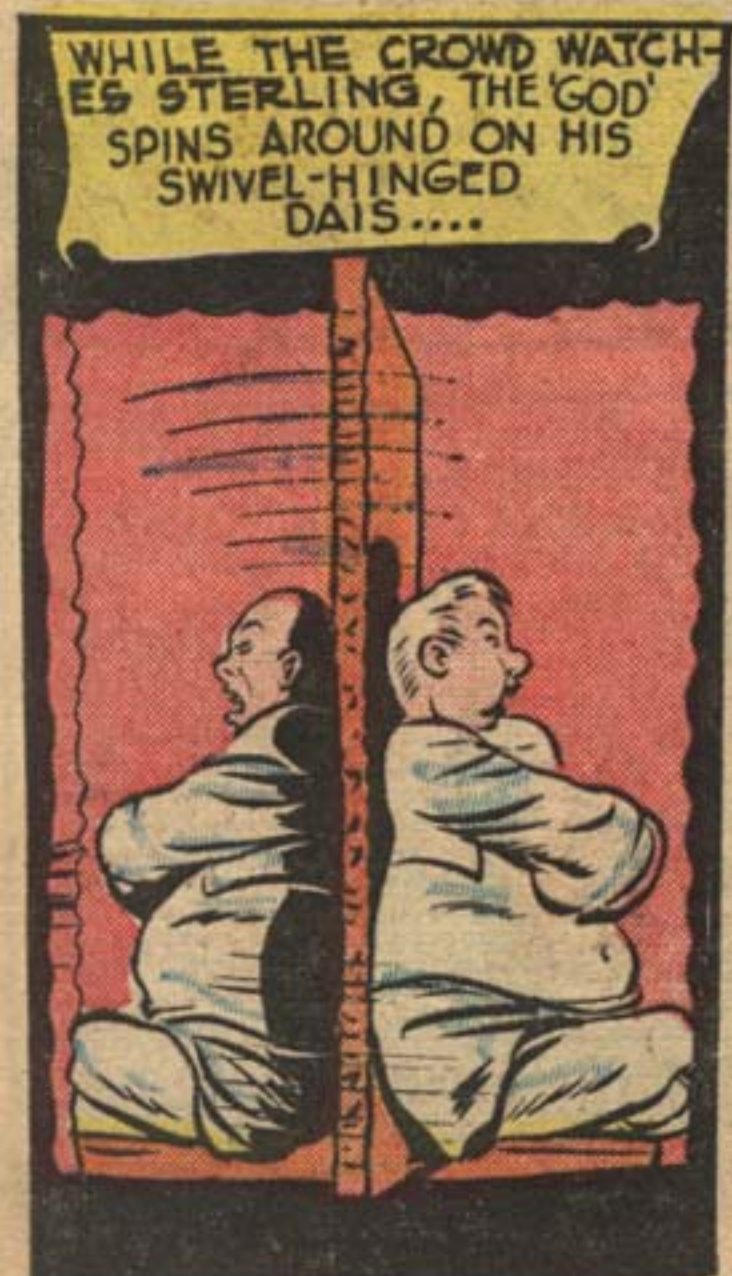
LET THERE BE NO MORE CRIME! BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP ME OR I'LL...

WHAT TRICK IS THIS? UP, FOOLS! THAT IS NOT THE WHITE JADE GOD!



STEEL MOMENTARILY DIVERTS THE ATTENTION OF LING YUNG AND HIS BAND OF CUT THROATS...

YOU SEE? YOUR GOD HAS SPOKEN! NOW HE WILL RETURN TO A GOD OF WHITE JADE!



WHILE THE CROWD WATCHES STERLING, THE 'GOD' SPINS AROUND ON HIS SWIVEL-HINGED DAIS....



STEEL STERLING LIES! WATCH! I SHALL PROVE TO YOU THAT IT IS A TRICK! OUR WHITE JADE GOD HAS BEEN SUBSTITUTED BY THIS... THIS MAN HERE!



BY THE BEARD OF MY ANCESTORS! IT IS THE WHITE JADE GOD! CAN SUCH THINGS BE?

LING YUNG TOUCHES THE GOD...



THIS IS MORE THAN MORTAL MAN CAN UNDERSTAND!... I LEAVE!



CLICK

AS LING YUNG RUNS PAST THE JADE-GOD A SUDDEN MOVEMENT...



KONK

BINGO! ONE CHINESE CIGAR FOR THE GENTLEMAN WITH THE PIG-TAIL!



GOSH, DORA! I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T BURNED!... THAT'S MY BEST SUIT YOU'RE WEARING!

TAKE IT EASY!... YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A SECOND!



C'MON, MEN! I HEARD SHOTS IN HERE A FEW MINUTES AGO!



THE COPS! GUESS I'D BETTER LEAVE!



WELL, IF IT AIN'T KEWPIE-BOY CLANCY!

SHUT UP, YOU PUNKS!

HA HA HA HA HA HA



LING YUNG AND HIS MEN WERE CAUSING ALL THE KILLINGS

YEAH!.. AND THE ROBBERIES, TOO! THEY MADE BUMS GO OUT AND STEAL!

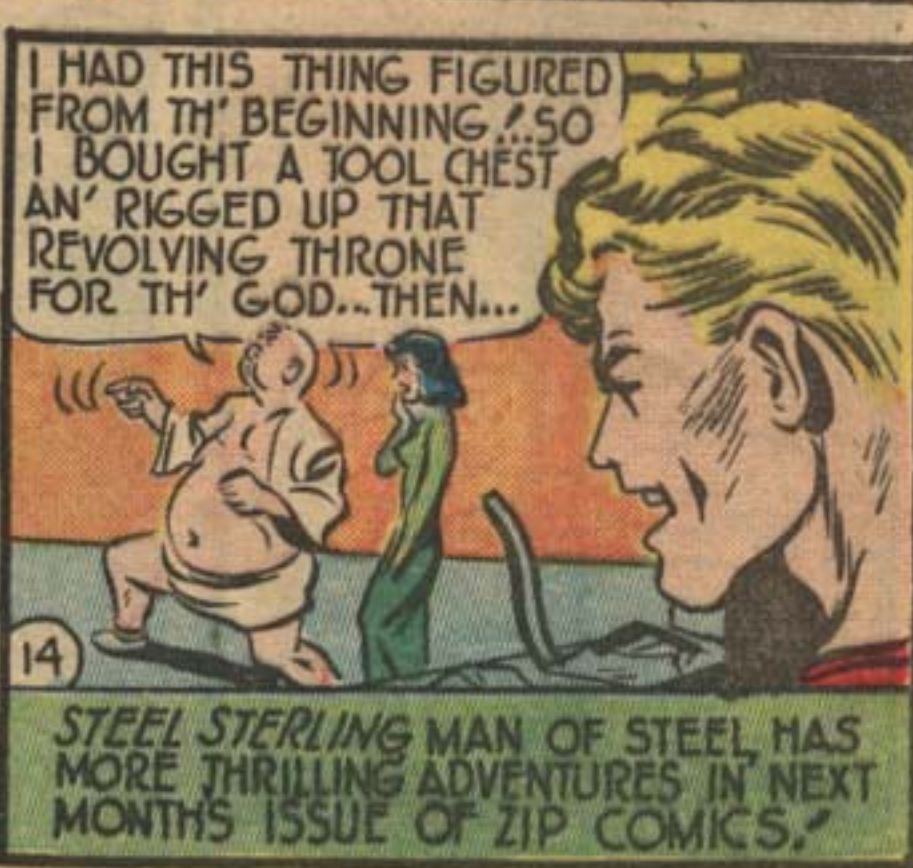


ARE YOU SURE STEEL STERLING DIDN'T HELP YOU?

STERLING? THAT DOPE? NAW!

LOONEY AND ME FOUGHT 'EM SINGLE-HANDED WHY...

PRETTY CLEVER OF CLANCY TAKIN' THE PLACE OF THAT GOD, EH?



I HAD THIS THING FIGURED FROM TH' BEGINNING!.. SO I BOUGHT A TOOL CHEST AN' RIGGED UP THAT REVOLVING THRONE FOR TH' GOD... THEN...

STEEL STERLING MAN OF STEEL HAS MORE THRILLING ADVENTURES IN NEXT MONTHS ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS.

DICKY

IN THE

MAGIC FOREST

by L. GOLDEN

DICKY FARENWELL'S FATHER HAS JUST ATTENDED A LECTURE, AND IS ON HIS WAY HOME AS OUR STORY GETS UNDER WAY....



WHILE TRAVERSING A DESERTED STREET...



BEG PARDON, SIR.. WOULD YOU CARE TO BUY A BOW AND ARROW?

THIS SET IS WORTH FIVE DOLLARS, BUT, AS I AM BADLY IN NEED OF FUNDS, YOU CAN HAVE IT FOR TWENTY FIVE CENTS!



WHO CAN RESIST SUCH A BARGAIN?

DICKY WILL JUMP OUT OF HIS SKIN WHEN HE SEES HIS NEW PRESENT!



GREAT HEAVENS!



OOH!



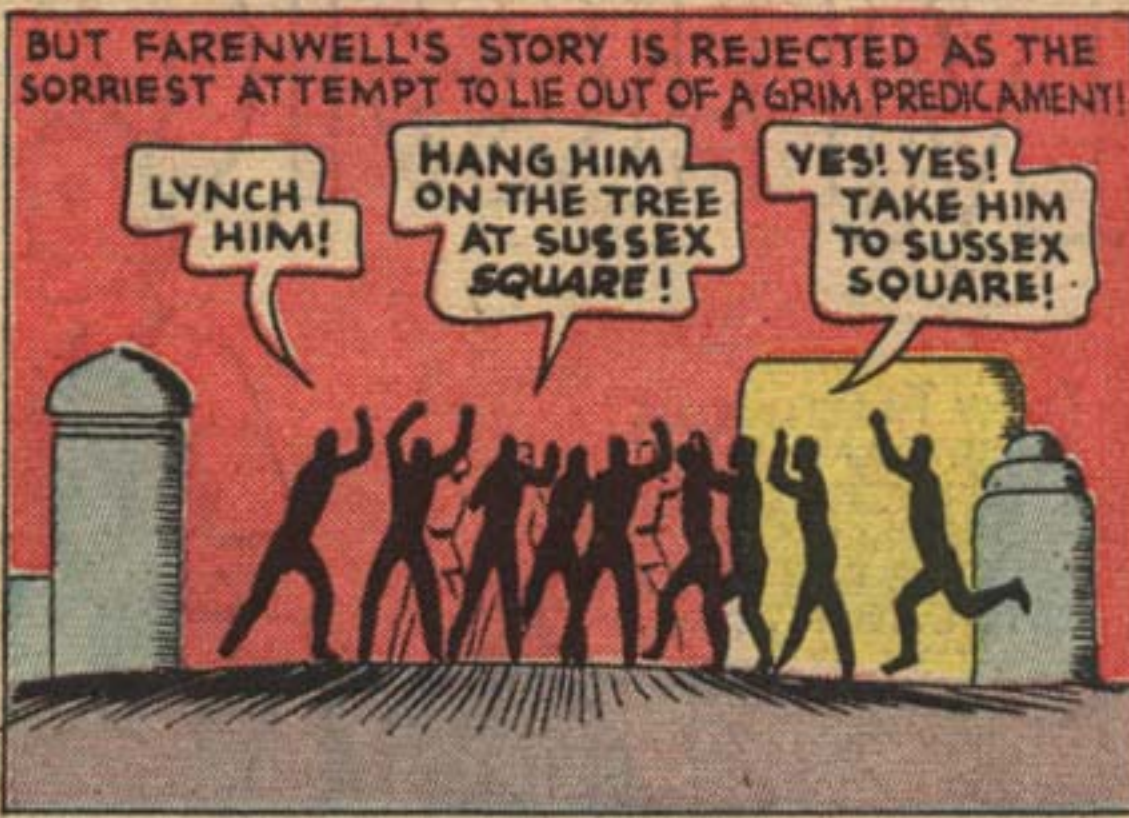
A MOMENT LATER.....
HELP! HELP! MURDER!
WHAT—!



I'M THIS GIRL'S FIANCE... WE WERE TO MEET HERE... AS I TURNED INTO THE STREET I SAW THIS DEVIL POISED OVER HER BODY WITH A BOW AND SOME ARROWS IN HIS BLOODY HANDS! I JUMPED ON HIM BEFORE HE COULD GET AWAY!
THE ARROW IN THE GIRL'S BODY AND THIS MAN'S ARROWS ARE IDENTICAL!



EVERY WORD THIS MAN SAID IS TRUE - BUT YOU'RE RUSHING TO CONCLUSIONS! THE OLD MAN WHO SOLD ME THE BOW AND ARROWS IS THE MURDERER! I'LL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED...
THINK FAST, KILLER!



BUT FARENWELL'S STORY IS REJECTED AS THE SORRIEST ATTEMPT TO LIE OUT OF A GRIM PREDICAMENT!
LYNCH HIM!
HANG HIM ON THE TREE AT SUSSEX SQUARE!
YES! YES! TAKE HIM TO SUSSEX SQUARE!



AS DICKY'S FATHER IS HUSTLED AWAY, A SMALL BOY DETACHES HIMSELF FROM THE FRENZIED MOB!

I GOTTA TELL DICKY!



JACKIE! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DICKY! DICKY! YOUR FATHER! THEY'RE TAKING HIM TO SUSSEX SQUARE— TO HANG HIM!



DICKY DIVES INTO HIS MAGIC GLOVES, SEIZES HIS MAGIC WHIP, AND FLYING BROOM, AND...



I'VE GOT TO GET THERE IN TIME!

SIMULTANEOUSLY, DICKY AND THE WOULD-BE LYNCHERS REACH THE TREE AT SUSSEX SQUARE!



LET MY FATHER GO, YOU PACK OF BLOOD-THIRSTY WOLVES - OR YOU WILL ANSWER TO ME!



LET ME BE THE FIRST TO ANSWER, SON OF A MURDERER!

THANK HEAVENS I'M THE WORLD'S GREATEST FIGHTER WITH MY MAGIC GLOVES!



S O O K !



THE CHILD IS ENDOWED WITH UNUSUAL STRENGTH, BUT HE CAN'T FIGHT ALL OF US! THERE'S THE TREE - LET'S STRING HIM UP!



SORRY, BUT THE TREE ISN'T AVAILABLE!

CRACK!



FILLED WITH AWE AND TERROR, THE PEOPLE NO LONGER WISH TO DETAIN DICKY'S FATHER!



WHAT AM I TO DO NOW? THE WISE MAN OF PANORA - MAYBE HE CAN HELP ME!



MR. SAGE'S TENT!



YOU WISH SOME ADVICE AND I HAVE NONE TO GIVE YOU - I BELIEVE YOU ARE INNOCENT, BUT I DO NOT THINK A COURT OF LAW WOULD BELIEVE IT-- YOU MUST DECIDE FOR YOURSELF WHAT YOU MUST DO!



I CAN PROVE THAT I'M INNOCENT BY PROVING THAT THE OLD MAN WHO SOLD ME THE BOW AND ARROWS IS GUILTY... I MAY AS WELL REACH FOR THE MOON!



WE CAN FIND THE OLD MAN AND PROVE THAT HE'S GUILTY, WITH MY MAGIC WATCH!

YOUR MAGIC WATCH IS IN THE MAGIC FOREST AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER - HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?



I'M OFF IN QUEST OF IT! STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

DICKY, COME BACK!

YOU'LL BE KILLED!



DICKY STOPS AT HIS HOME....

I MUSTN'T FORGET MY MAGIC WATER-PLANT!



LATER, IN THE UNEXPLORED DEPTHS OF THE MAGIC FOREST....

AH, THERE'S THE STREAM!



AND HERE IS THE SPOT!



DICKY THROWS OFF HIS CLOTHING AND INHALES THE SWEET PERFUME OF THE MAGIC WATER-PLANT!

NOW I CAN LIVE UNDER WATER FOR SEVERAL DAYS!



AT THIS INSTANT, A ROCK FLIES AT DICKY'S HEAD!



WHEN DICKY REGAINS HIS SENSES.....

OH! OH! A WITCH!

YES, AND A HUNGRY ONE! HE! HE!



HER BACK IS TURNED IF I CAN ONLY MAKE IT TO THE TOP!



SILENTLY DICKY MANEUVERS HIS WAY TO THE TOP OF THE POLE... ONE LAST WRIGGLE, AND HE IS OFF.....



..AND AWAY!



#!!?#

SHE'S CATCHING UP FAST!





AS THE MONSTERS WRITHE IN AGONY DICKY DESCENDS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER!

YOWEE!
MY MAGIC
WATCH!



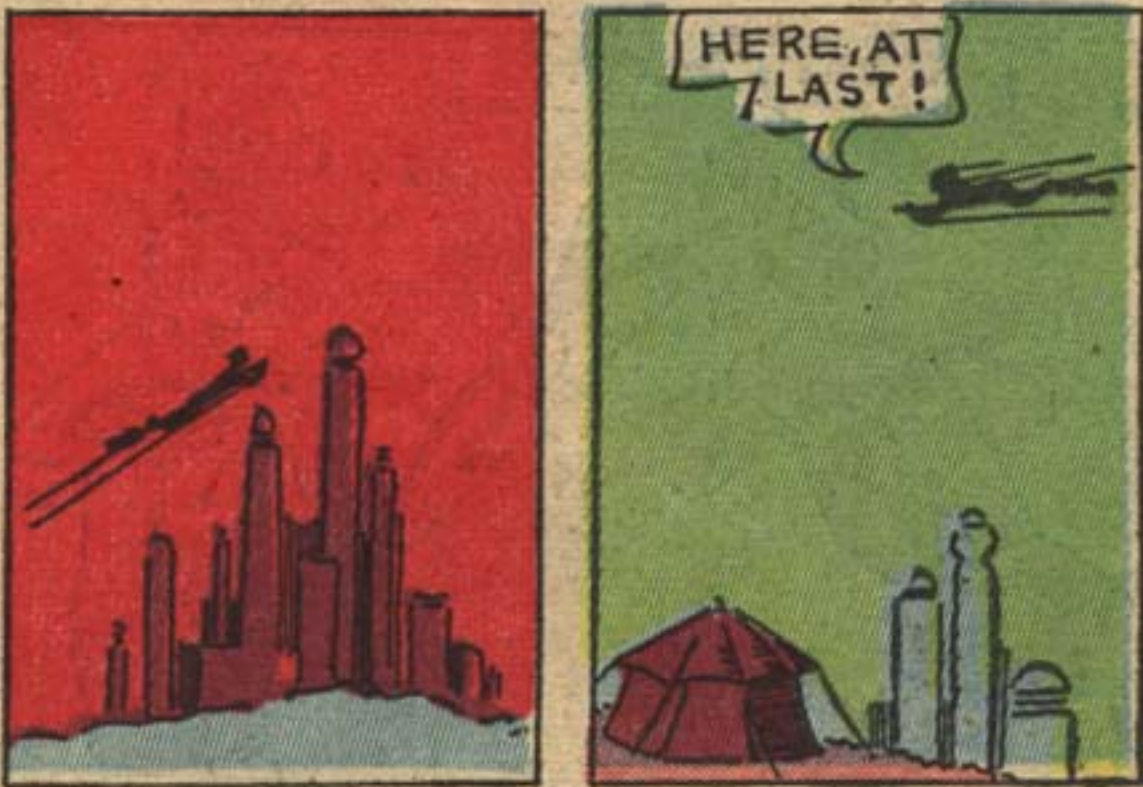
GOLLY, ALL MY MUSCLES
ACHE! BUT I MADE IT!



I'M OFF FOR
PANORA!



HERE, AT
LAST!



FATHER! THE WATCH!
I HAVE THE MAGIC
WATCH!

WHAT?

GOOD
HEAVENS!



TEN MINUTES LATER, WE FIND THE THREE
WITHIN THE CONFINES OF A GUARD STATION!

PLACE SEVERAL OFFICERS AT
MY DISPOSAL TO ACT AS WITNESSES
AND I'LL PROVE MY
FRIEND IS
INNOCENT!

GRANTED,
MR. SAGE!



DICKY'S FATHER IS DETAINED AS DICKY, MR. SAGE
AND THREE GUARDS VISIT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!

NOW PLACE YOUR
HANDS ON MY
SHOULDER SO
THAT YOU WILL
NOT BE AFFECTED
AS I MOVE
THE WATCH
BACK TO THE
HOUR OF THE
CRIME!



LOOK, MY FATHER!
HE HAS JUST ATTENDED
A LECTURE AND IS
ON HIS WAY HOME!
WE'RE INVISIBLE
TO HIM!





AND HERE'S THE OLD MAN! HE'S SELLING MY FATHER A BOW AND ARROW!

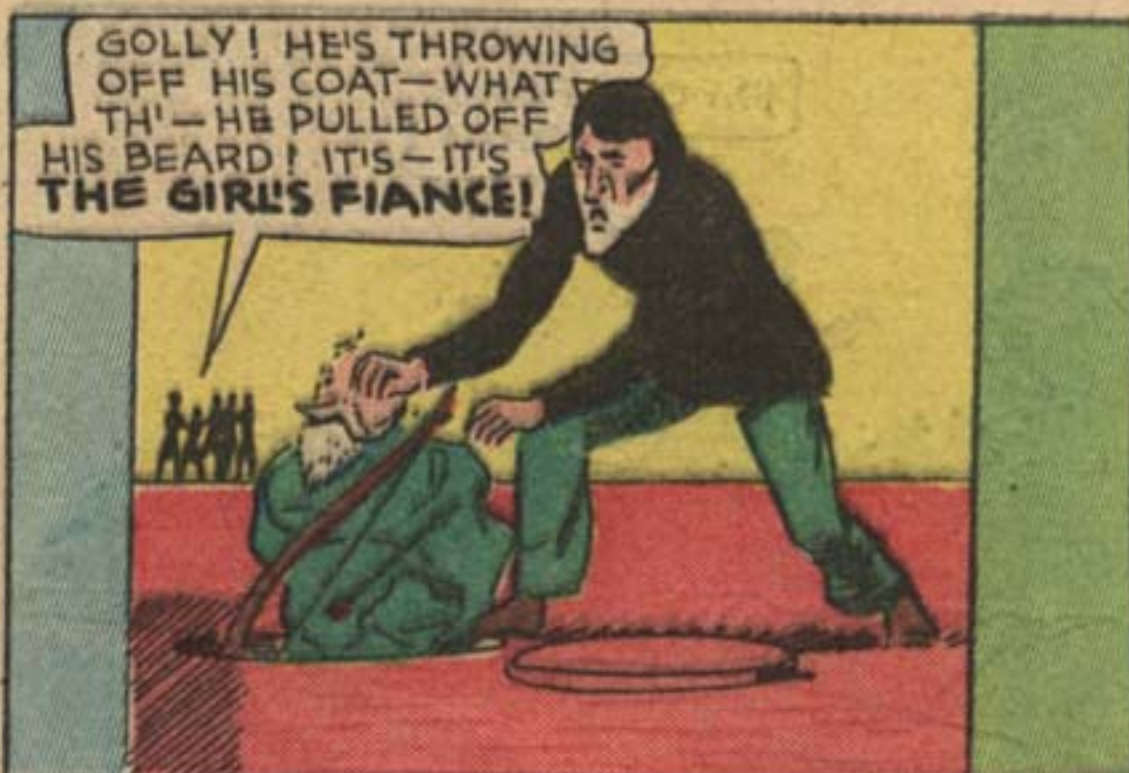


SUDDENLY, THE OLD MAN STEPS INTO AN ALLEYWAY, FITS AN ARROW TO A BOW, AND.....



GREAT HEAVENS!

OOH!



GOLLY! HE'S THROWING OFF HIS COAT—WHAT'S THAT?—HE PULLED OFF HIS BEARD! IT'S—IT'S THE GIRL'S FIANCE!



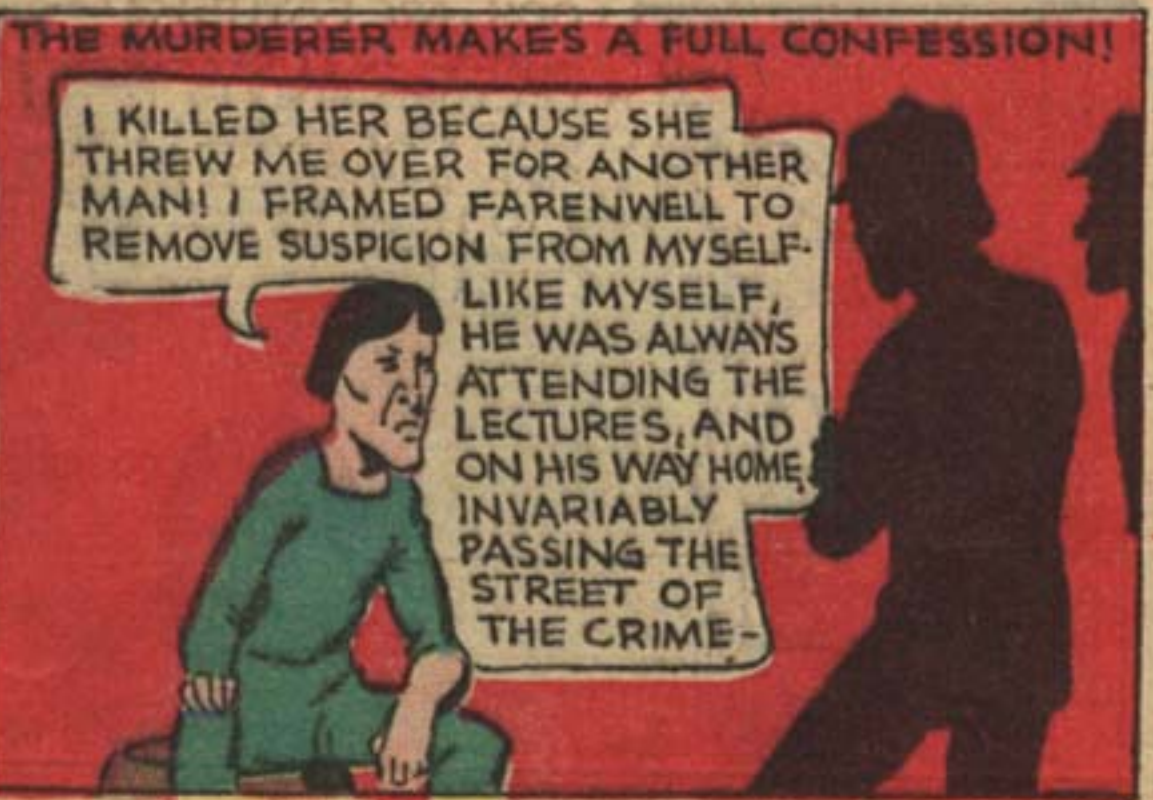
HELP! HELP! MURDER!

WHAT—!



WELL, HAVE YOU SEEN ENOUGH?

THANKS TO YOUR MAGIC WATCH! TAKE US BACK TO THE PRESENT—WE'RE GOING TO PAY THAT FELLOW A LITTLE VISIT!



THE MURDERER MAKES A FULL CONFESSION!

I KILLED HER BECAUSE SHE THREW ME OVER FOR ANOTHER MAN! I FRAMED FARENWELL TO REMOVE SUSPICION FROM MYSELF— LIKE MYSELF, HE WAS ALWAYS ATTENDING THE LECTURES, AND ON HIS WAY HOME, INVARIABLY PASSING THE STREET OF THE CRIME—



FATHER, YOU'RE FREE!

THANKS TO YOU, MY CHILD!

IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS DICKY ENTERS THE GREAT TOURNAMENT OF MAGIC!

NEVADA JONES

Quick-Trigger Man



JUST ABOVE THE MEXICAN BORDER IS THE TOWN OF BLACK GULCH, POPULATED BY BANDITS, RUSTLERS, AND OTHER OUT-LAWS! AT THIS MOMENT WE COME UPON A SCENE IN ONE OF THE GAMBLING HOUSES!

THIS GAME'S A FRAME-UP...!!!

CALLIN' US CHEATS, EH? TAKE THAT!



JUST THEN...

WE'RE TOO LATE, BETSY!

DAD! OH.. THEY'VE KILLED HIM!



YOU FILTHY VERMIN!... YOU MURDERED HIM IN COLD BLOOD!... WHY DON'T YOU ARREST THEM, SHERIFF!



YOU'RE IN WITH THEM! DAD'S GUNS AREN'T EVEN OUT OF HIS HOLSTERS!

WHUT KIN I DO? IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE! BART HAD TUH PLUG HIM OR GIT PLUGGED HISSELF!



HAW, HAW! THAT'S A GOOD ONE!

KIN I HELP IT IF YORE PAW WAS SLOW ON THE DRAW?

JUST AS BETSY'S RANCH HANDS CARRY OUT THE BODY, NEVADA JONES AND LITTLE JOE ARRIVE...



WHAT HAPPENED, PARDNER?

A RANCHER NAME O' WILKINS GOT PLUGGED BY BLACK BART IN A CARD GAME!

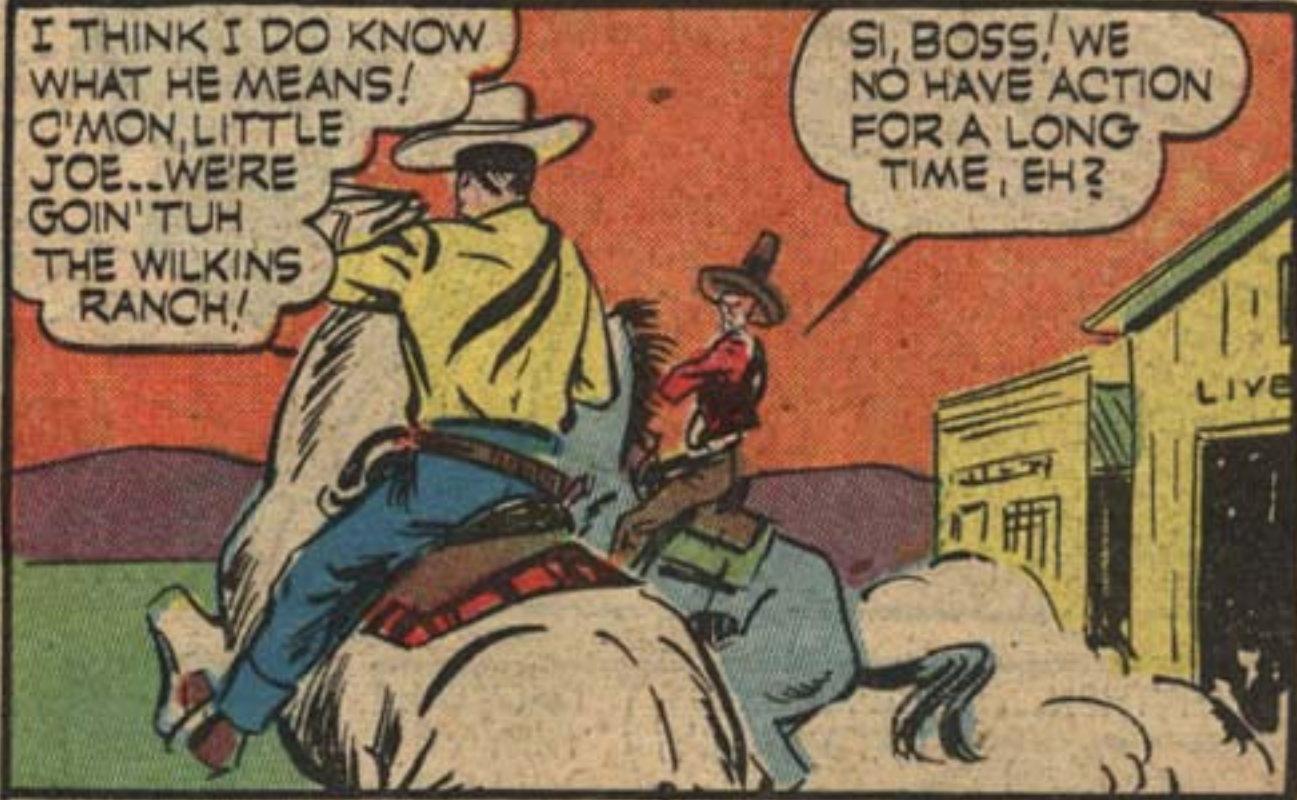


BLACK BART SHORE IS SMART! NOW THERE'S ONLY WILKINS' DAUGHTER, BETSY, TAKIN' CARE O' ALL THEM CATTLE ON THE RANCH! KNOW WHAT I MEAN?



I THINK I DO KNOW WHAT HE MEANS! O'MON, LITTLE JOE...WE'RE GOIN' TUH THE WILKINS RANCH!

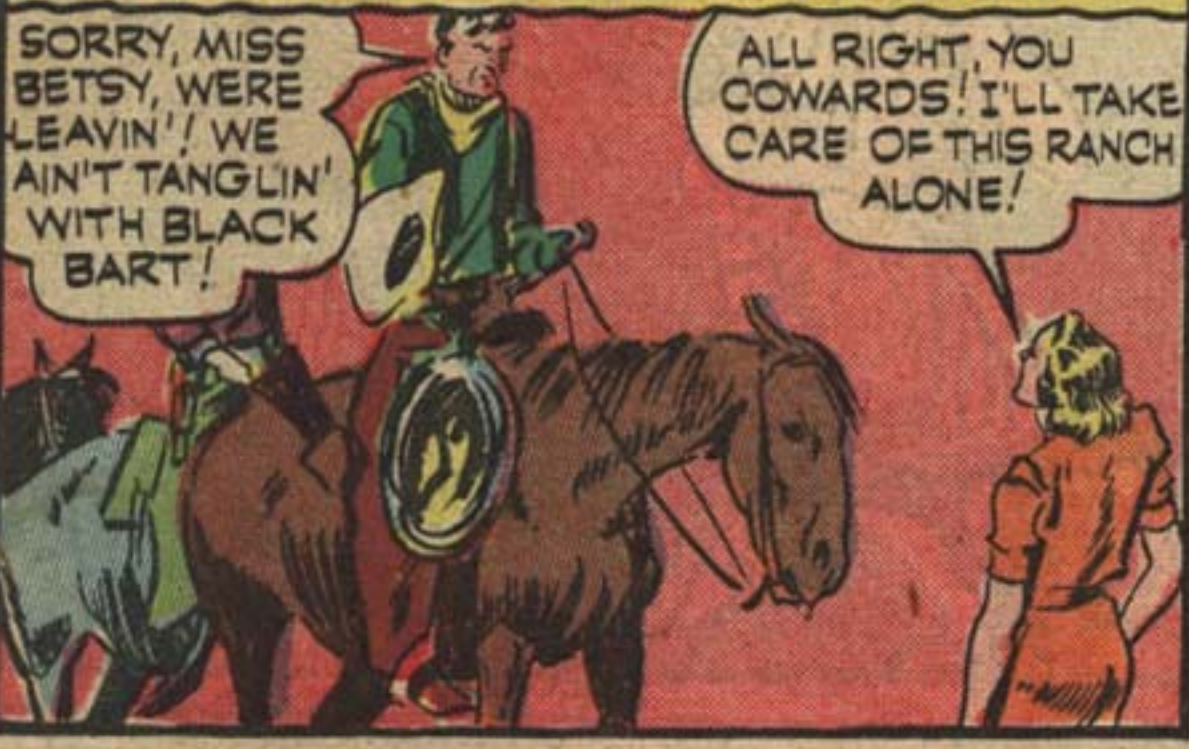
SI, BOSS! WE NO HAVE ACTION FOR A LONG TIME, EH?



AT THAT MOMENT, AT THE WILKINS RANCH!...

SORRY, MISS BETSY, WERE LEAVIN'! WE AIN'T TANGLIN' WITH BLACK BART!

ALL RIGHT, YOU COWARDS! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS RANCH ALONE!



LATER, NEVADA AND LITTLE JOE RIDE UP!

HEY.. PUT UP YORE SHOOTIN' IRONS, MISS!

YOU'RE FROM THAT MURDERER'S TOWN! ..GET OFF MY RANCH!



DON'T LET THIS MASK FOOL YUH! WE WANT A JOB!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! THIS IS A SCHEME O' BLACK BART'S!



LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TUH HELP THAT GAL SOME OTHER WAY!

I CATCH! WE HANG 'ROUND AND KEEP WATCH, EH?





THAT NIGHT..

I'LL HAVE TO RIDE THE HERD ALONE 'TILL I CAN HIRE SOME COW HANDS!



THERE'S THE WILKINS' HERD, BART! NICE BEEF, EH?

PLENTY!... AND THE GAL'S ALONE! LET'S GO!



CATTLE RUSTLERS!

EASY, SIS! YOU'LL GET HURT!

TAKE AWAY HER GUNS AND SET HER DOWN! WE DON'T WANT NO TROUBE FROM HER!



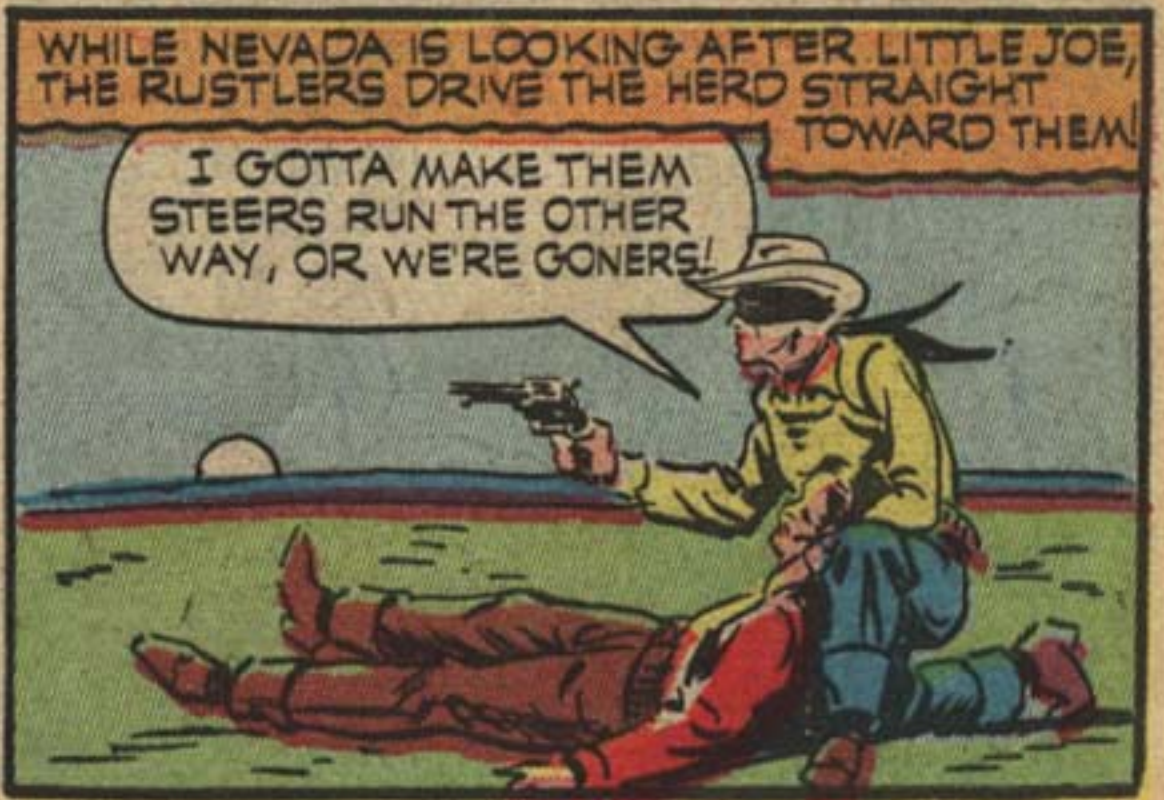
C'MON, PARDNER! WE'RE NEEDED NOW!

OUT OF HIDING FLASH NEVADA AND JOE!



LITTLE JOE...! THEY GOT HIM!

LIGH!



WHILE NEVADA IS LOOKING AFTER LITTLE JOE, THE RUSTLERS DRIVE THE HERD STRAIGHT TOWARD THEM!

I GOTTA MAKE THEM STEERS RUN THE OTHER WAY, OR WE'RE GONERS!



NEVADA KEEPS SHOOTING INTO THE PACK AND THE HERD SWINGS AROUND THEM!



GEE, I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS MORNING!

FER-GET IT! LET'S GIT JOE INTO THE HOUSE!



I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT NURSING! IF I CAN GET THE BULLET OUT HE MAY HAVE A CHANCE!



SHOOT MY PARD, WILL THEY? I'LL SHOW 'EM!



I'M GOIN' AFTER 'EM! TAKE CARE O' LITTLE JOE!

BUT YOU'RE ONLY ONE MAN! THEY'LL KILL YOU!



MEBBE... 'N MEBBE NOT! YIPEE YAY! BLAZE--- AWAY!



AT THAT MOMENT..

I'M GOIN' BACK TUH TOWN! YOU START CHANGIN' BRANDS!

OKAY, BART!



REACH, YUH COYOTES!



PLUG 'IM! DON'T... OOO!

I WARNED YUH, NO GUN-PLAY!



THE REST OF THE RUSTLERS COME RUNNING.. BUT NEVADA STANDS HIS GROUND, GUNS BLAZING!

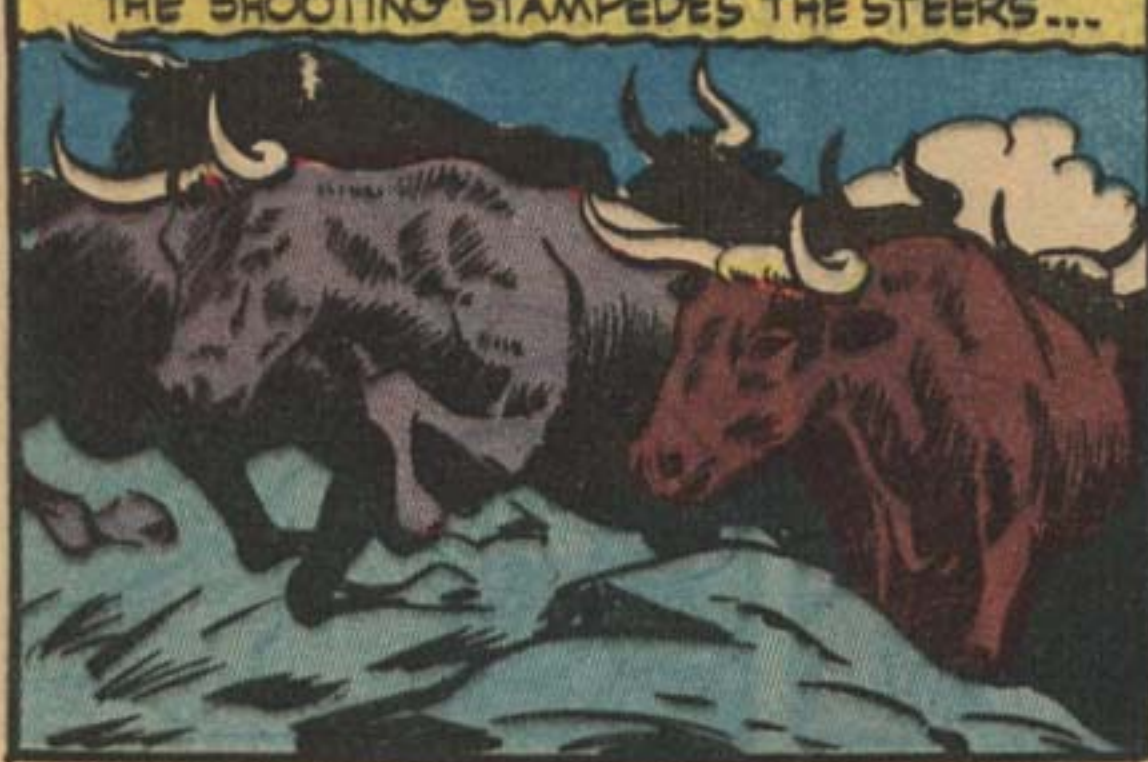
AARRGH!

UGH, HE GOT ME!

BANG!

BANG!

THE SHOOTING STAMPEDES THE STEERS...



...AND THE REST OF THE RUSTLERS ARE CRUSHED!



NEVADA LEAPS ON BLAZE...



GOTTA GET THIS ONE TO RUN THE OTHER WAY! HE'S THE LEADER! MY SLICKER WAVIN' IN HIS FACE SHOULD DO IT!

I'M GOIN' TUH HEAD THAT STAMPEDE TOWARDS BLACK GULCH!



IT WORKED!...THEY'LL STAMPEDE RIGHT THROUGH THAT BANDIT'S TOWN!... AND I'M FOLLOWIN'!



SOKOLI'S SALOON

RUN FER YER LIVES!



SWEEPING EVERYTHING BEFORE THEM...THE ENRAGED CATTLE LEAVE A SWATH OF DESTRUCTION!





NOW IF THOSE CATTLE DIDN'T GET BLACK BART, I WILL!



BART! NEVADA JONES IS COMIN'! HE'S GUNNIN' FER YA!



THAT HOMBRE'S TOO GOOD WITH A GUN! NO USE TAKIN' CHANCES... LISTEN!... DO AS I TELL YUH!



DRAW, BART!

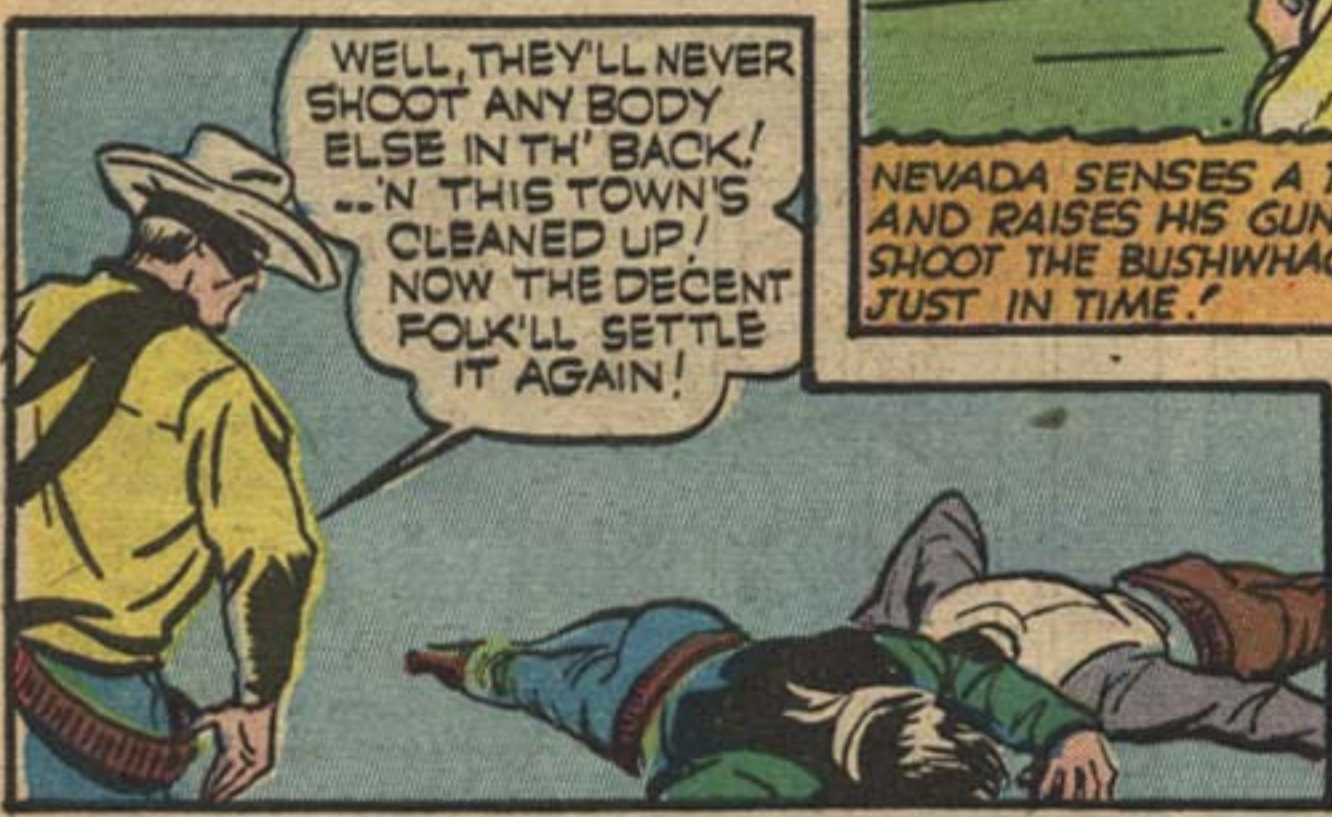


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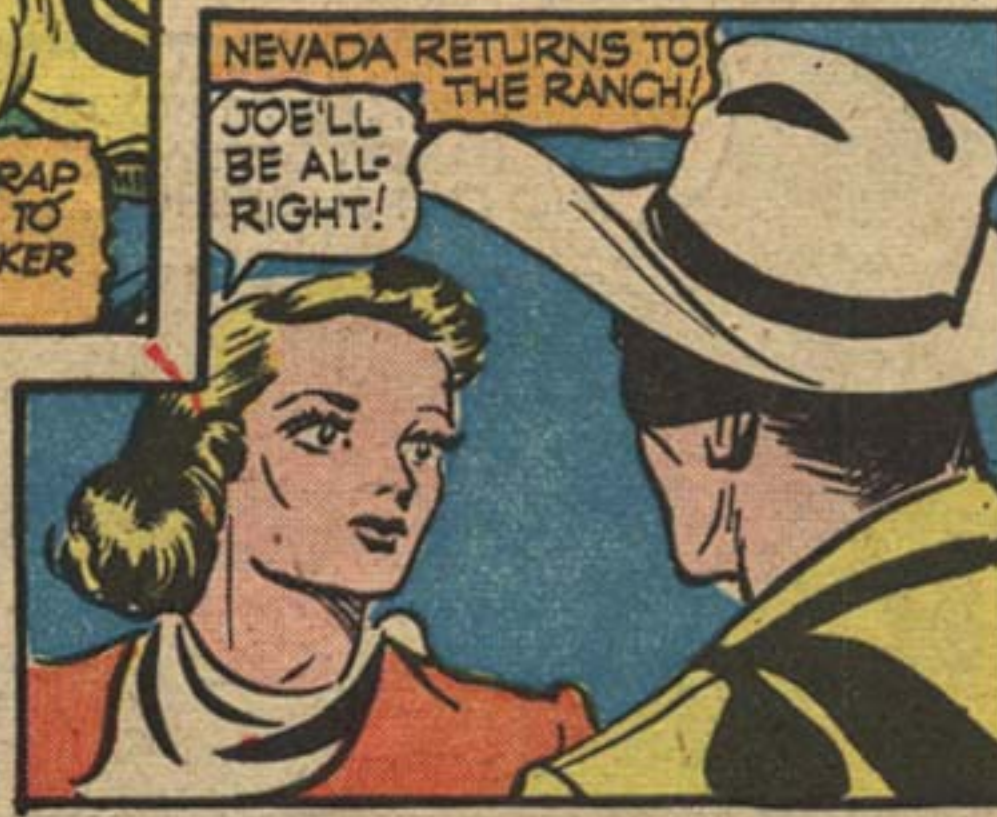
NEVADA SENSES A TRAP AND RAISES HIS GUN TO SHOOT THE BUSHWHACKER JUST IN TIME!



IN THE SAME MOTION, HE WHIRLS AND PLUGS BLACK BART!



WELL, THEY'LL NEVER SHOOT ANY BODY ELSE IN TH' BACK! ...N THIS TOWN'S CLEANED UP! NOW THE DECENT FOLK'LL SETTLE IT AGAIN!



NEVADA RETURNS TO THE RANCH!
JOE'LL BE ALL-RIGHT!



CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN, EH, BOSS!

YUH SAID IT, PARD! WE'LL SOON BE HITTIN' TH' TRAIL AGAIN!

RIDE THE RANGE AND THE SAGE BRUSH TRAILS WITH NEVADA JONES, QUICK-TRIGGER MAN, EVERY MONTH IN
ZIP
COMICS

RED REAGAN

OF THE HOMICIDE SQUAD

HUGO BLACK-WEALTHY RETIRED COLLECTOR OF RARE BOOKS - BIDS GOODNIGHT TO HIS FAMILY AND ENTERS HIS BEDROOM---- WHEN !!!



THE HOODED FIGURE STEALS OUT OF THE ROOM




YOUR FATHER IS DEAD, THE DRUID CURSE IS WORKING! WE'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE



YOU SAY MR. BLACK RECEIVED A NOTE FROM A MYSTERIOUS DRUID TRIBE? LET'S SEE IT!



RED REAGAN ARRIVES AND TAKES OVER THE CASE!


Mister Black -
you have among your rare books, a copy of our secret book of ancient rites! Unless you return it to us - death shall strike you and your family!
Druid A.R.C.

YOU SEE, REAGAN, WHILE THE FAMILY WAS AWAY LAST SUMMER, MY BROTHER HUGO PICKED UP AN ANCIENT DRUID BOOK FOR HIS COLLECTION! SOON AFTER HIS RETURN LAST WEEK, HE RECEIVED THIS NOTE!



YOU'RE HUGO'S BROTHER, MORT, I BELIEVE?

YES, SIR! AND THIS GIRL IS HIS DAUGHTER, BETTE!



ARE YOU THE VICTIM'S WIFE, MADAME?

YES, MR. REAGAN! I WAS HIS SECOND WIFE! THIS BOY HERE IS MY SON, REGGIE, BY MY FIRST MARRIAGE! AND THE GENTLEMAN ON MY RIGHT IS MY BROTHER, EDWIN!



SUPPOSE YOU GET ME THE DRUID BOOK FROM THE SAFE! I'M GOING TO SIT UP AND READ IT TONIGHT WHILE THE REST OF YOU GET SOME SLEEP!



HERE'S THE BOOK, REAGAN! NOW, WE'LL BE OFF TO BED!



LATER...



AS REAGAN APPARENTLY DOZES, A HOODED SHADOW MOVERS OVER...



WHO'S THERE? MOVE INTO THE LIGHT OR I'LL SHOOT!



OH! I DIDN'T MEAN TO FRIGHTEN YOU! I JUST HAD TO COME DOWN AND HAVE A TALK WITH YOU!



WHAT IS IT, BETTE?

IT'S ABOUT MY STEP-MOTHER-AND HER BROTHER AND SON! SHE MARRIED DAD FOR HIS MONEY AND HE FOUND IT OUT! HE WAS GOING TO CHANGE HIS WILL AND LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!



SO I FEEL SURE, MOTHER AND HER FAMILY HAD DAD KILLED SO HE COULDN'T CHANGE THAT WILL!



I SEE-BUT...

A FAINT MOVEMENT OUTSIDE THE DOOR, ATTRACTS REAGAN'S ATTENTION!



SHH!

JUST A MINUTE, YOU!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I TOLD YOU, MR. REAGAN!

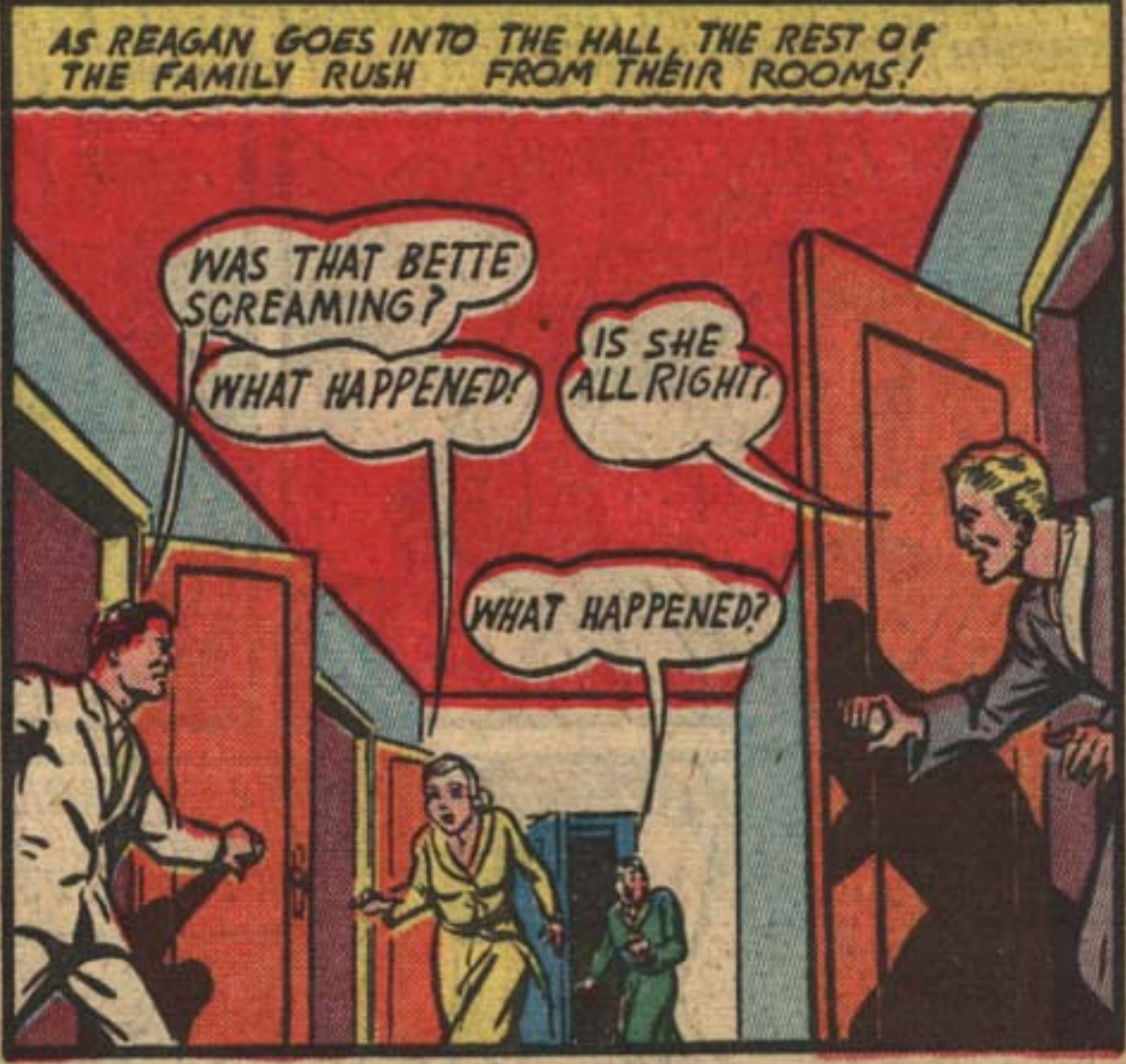


THE MYSTERIOUS EAVES-DROPPER TURNS OUT TO BE MRS. BLACK'S SON, REGGIE!





I MUST HAVE FAINTED!
DRUID WAS IN HERE
READY TO KILL ME!



AS REAGAN GOES INTO THE HALL, THE REST OF
THE FAMILY RUSH FROM THEIR ROOMS!

WAS THAT BETTE
SCREAMING?

WHAT HAPPENED!

IS SHE
ALL RIGHT?

WHAT HAPPENED?



WHO SCREAMED?



HAS ANYONE OUTSIDE OF
REGGIE AND BETTE BEEN
OUT OF BED TONIGHT, UP
UNTIL NOW?

NOT I!


WHY WORRY ABOUT THAT?
WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW IS—
WHO IS THE DRUID AND WHERE
IS HE? OUR LIVES
ARE IN DANGER!



IT MAY INTEREST
YOU TO KNOW THAT
THE DRUID — AS YOU
CALL HIM IS ONE OF
YOU FIVE! AND IN A
MOMENT—I'LL TELL
YOU WHO HE IS!

RED REAGAN ACE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATOR,
KNOWS WHO THE DRUID IS.... DO YOU?
MARK YOUR CHOICE FOR THE MURDERER
AMONG THE FOLLOWING... THEN TURN THE
PAGE FOR RED REAGAN'S SOLUTION!

MORT BLACK.....
BETTE BLACK.....
MRS. BLACK.....
REGGIE.....
EDWIN.....



THE IDEA OF GETTING THE DRUID BOOK WAS ONLY A BLIND. THE "DRUID" WANTED TO KILL HUGO BLACK AND HIS DAUGHTER IN ORDER TO BENEFIT FROM HIS WILL.



THAT PERSON IS HUGO BLACK'S BROTHER, MORT BLACK



OH, NO IT ISN'T! YOU DENIED HAVING BEEN UP TONIGHT - YET -

THAT'S A LIE!



YOU'RE WEARING DIFFERENT PAJAMAS! YOU JUST GOT MIXED UP, CHANGING INTO THAT DRUID OUTFIT SO MANY TIMES!



WHILE THE FAMILY WAS AWAY ON THAT TRIP, YOU WERE LEFT HERE ALL ALONE! SO YOU RIGGED UP A SECRET PASSAGEWAY INTO YOUR BROTHER'S ROOM AND BETTE'S! THAT WAS EASY!



AND WHEN YOUR BROTHER BOUGHT THAT DRUID BOOK, IT GAVE YOU A PERFECT SET UP - ALMOST!



THE DETECTIVE UNRAVELS THE MURDERER'S WHOLE PLAN THREAD-BY-THREAD

SURE I DID IT' AND I'D HAVE KILLED THE WHOLE FAMILY IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU YOU BIG, RED-HEADED FLATFOOT!



HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU MR. REAGAN?

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LIVE IN PEACE AND HAPPINESS WITH ONE ANOTHER FROM NOW ON! THAT'S ALL THE THANKS I WANT

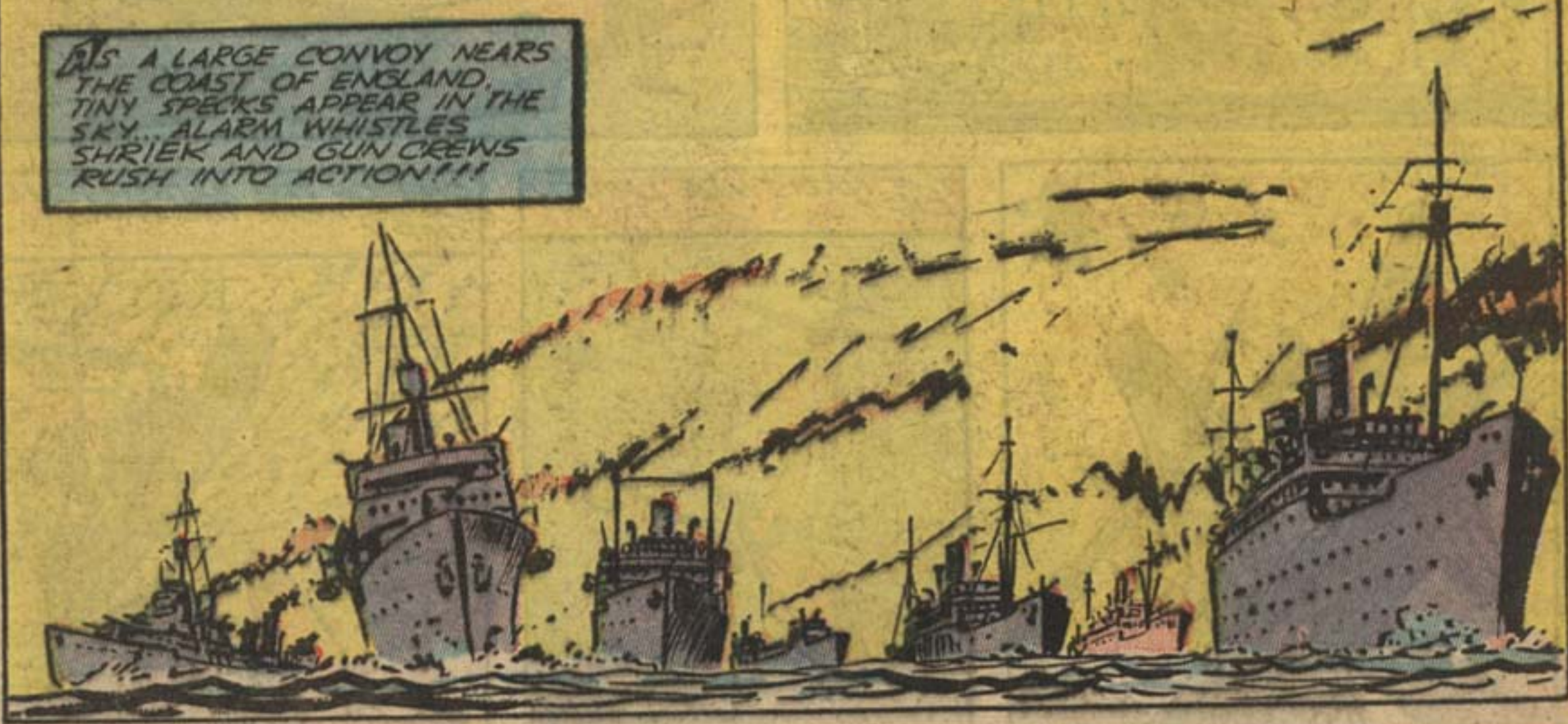


THE END

War Eagles

the devil's flying twins

AS A LARGE CONVOY NEARS THE COAST OF ENGLAND, TINY SPECKS APPEAR IN THE SKY... ALARM WHISTLES SHRIEK AND GUN CREWS RUSH INTO ACTION!!!



ABOARD THE LEADING VESSEL ARE TIM AND TOM SHANE, ACES OF THE R.A.F.

SOMETHING'S UP! LET'S GO ON DECK!

OKAY, BUT FIRST PUT ON YOUR LIFE BELT!

GOSH - NAZI LONG RANGE BOMBERS! WE'RE IN A TOUGH SPOT!

YES, BUT OUR GUNNERS KNOW THEIR BUSINESS!

IF ONLY SOME OF OUR PLANES WOULD SHOW UP!

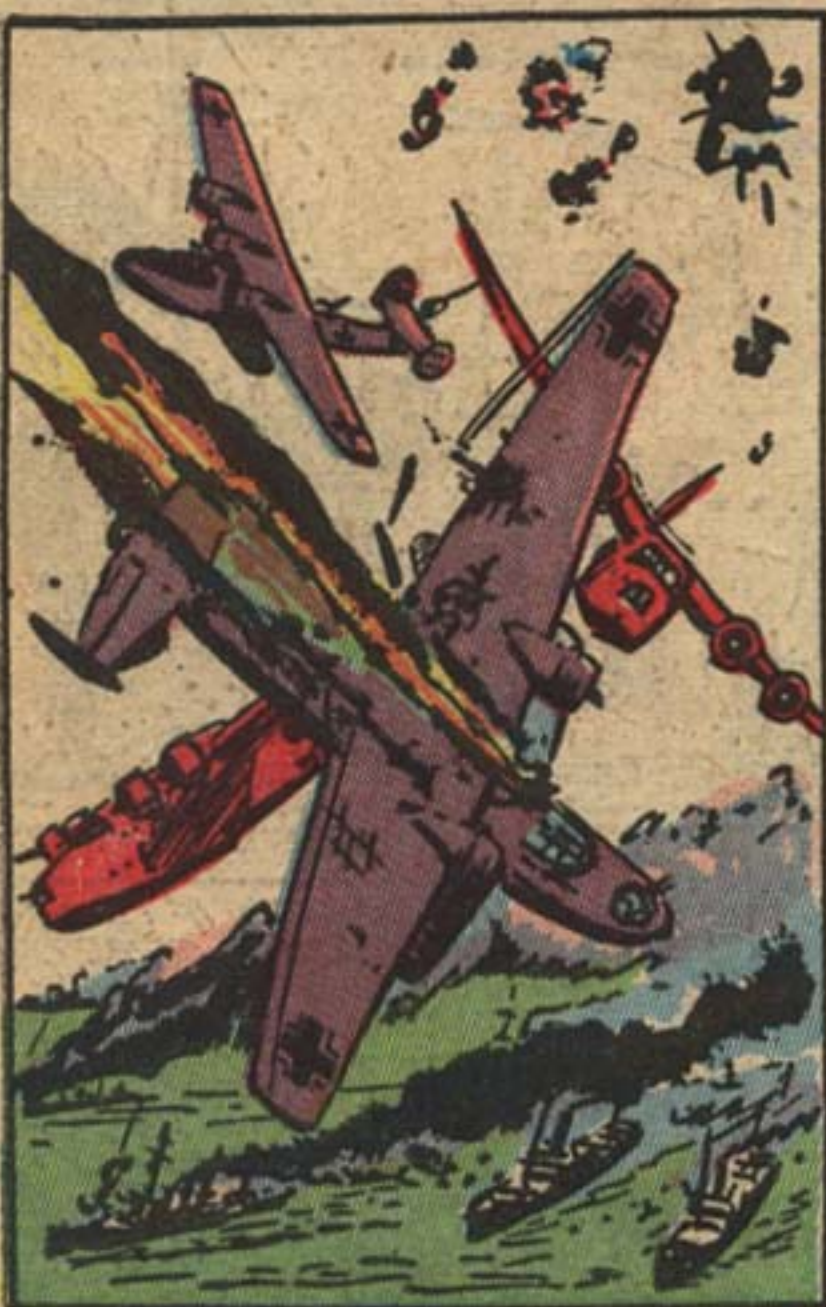
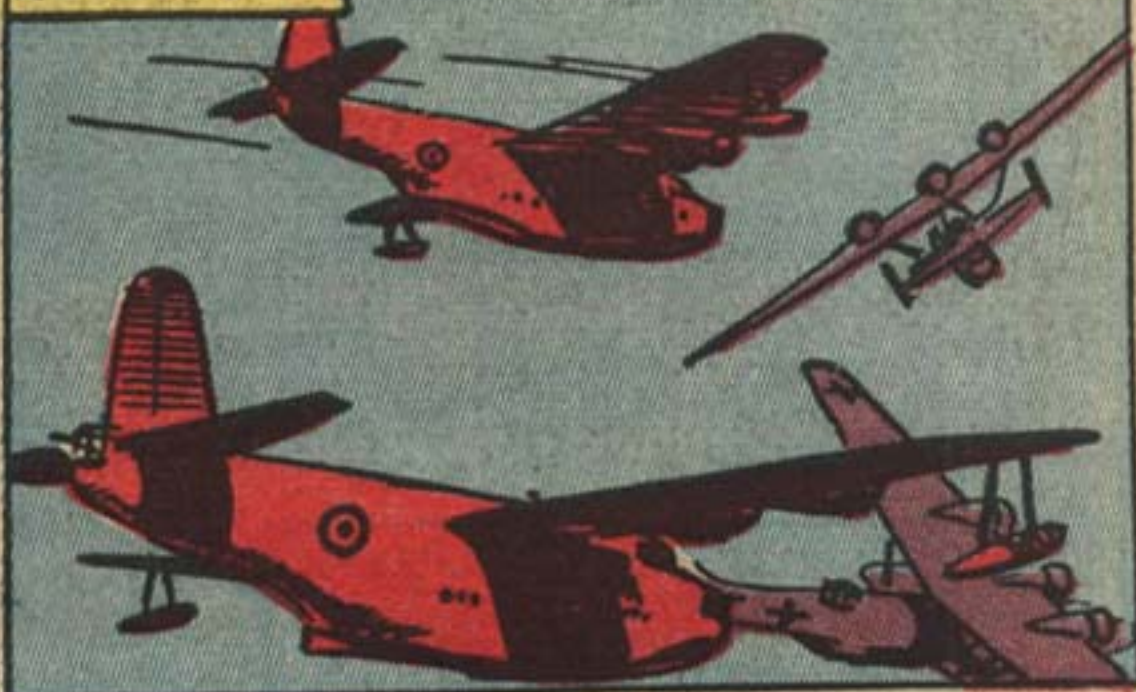
THE GIANT PLANES SWOOP DOWN...

ONE FREIGHTER IS BLOWN TO BITS!

THE DOOMED SHIP SETTLES RAPIDLY..



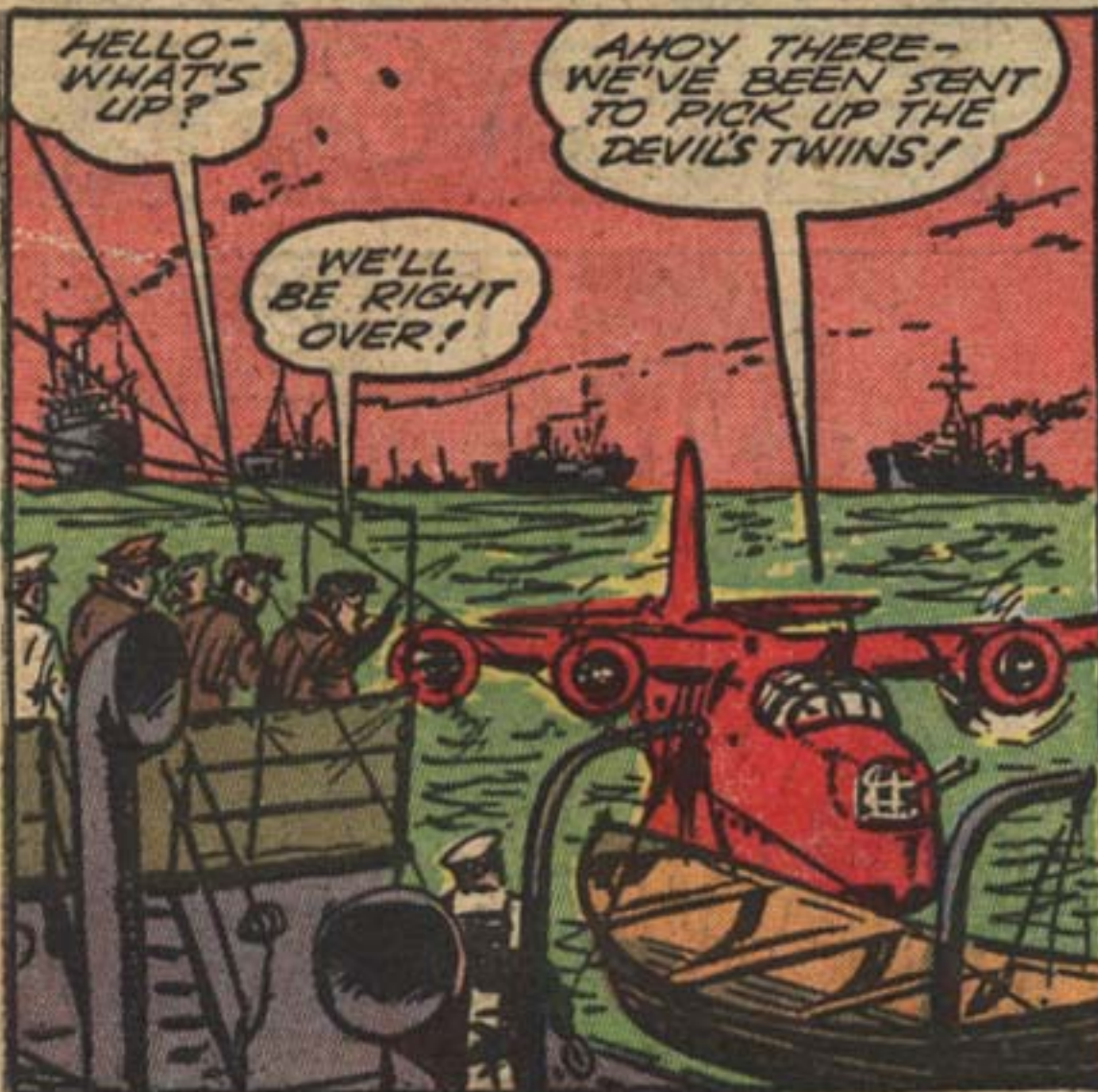
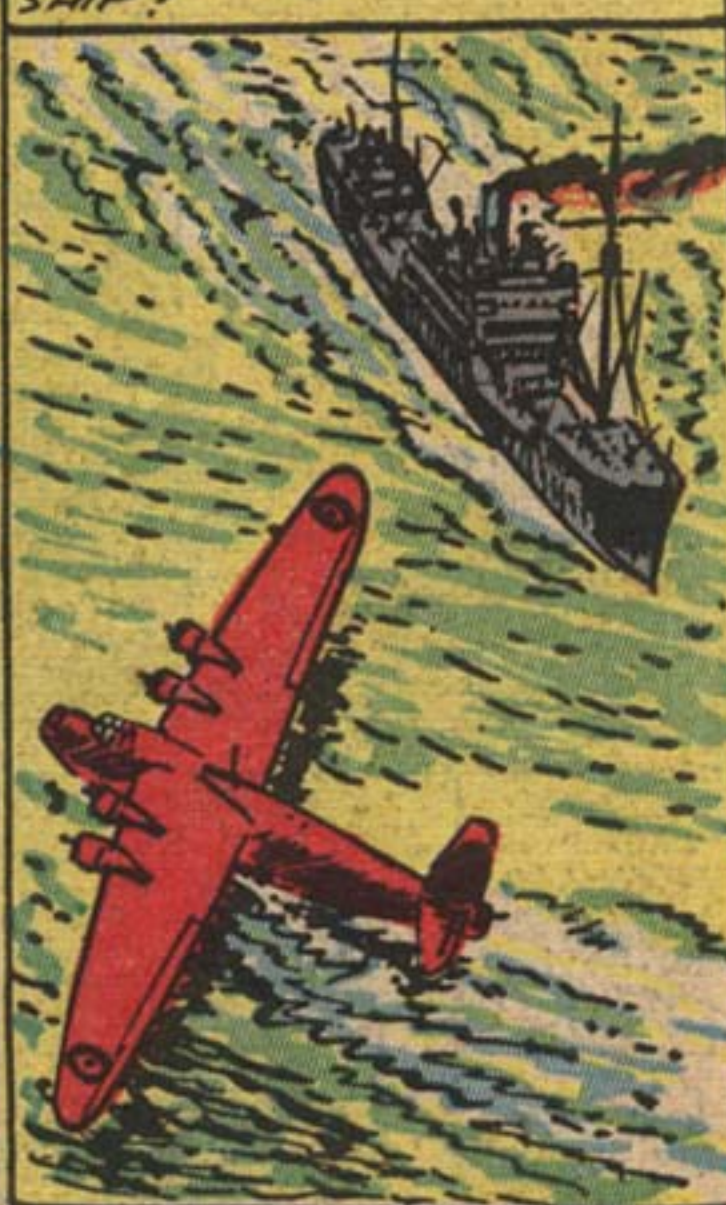
THEN BRITISH PLANES COME TO THE RESCUE!

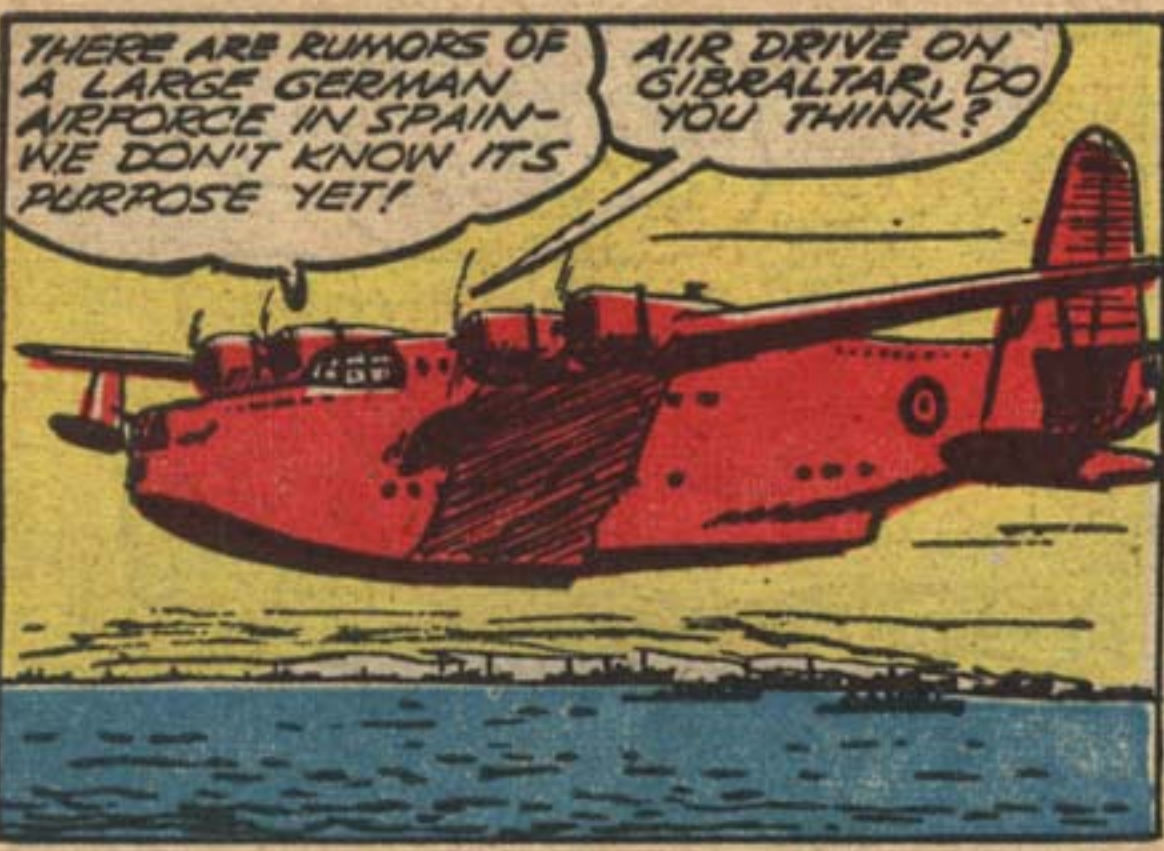


THE NAZIS ARE DRIVEN OFF!



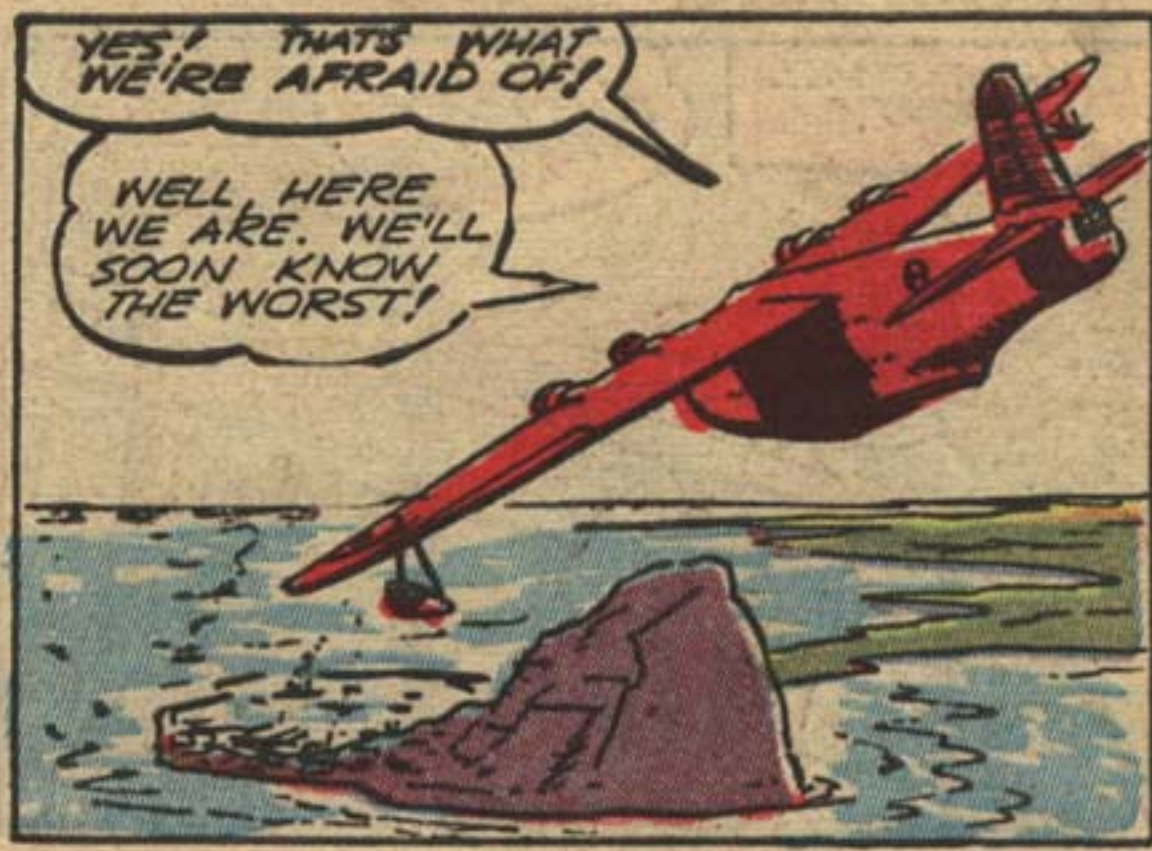
ONE OF THE BRITISH PLANES LANDS NEAR THE TWINS' SHIP!





THERE ARE RUMORS OF A LARGE GERMAN AIRFORCE IN SPAIN- WE DON'T KNOW ITS PURPOSE YET!

AIR DRIVE ON GIBRALTAR, DO YOU THINK?



YES! THAT'S WHAT WE'RE AFRAID OF!

WELL, HERE WE ARE. WE'LL SOON KNOW THE WORST!



AT HEADQUARTERS. TIM AND TOM SHANE REPORTING, SIR!

YES, WE HAVE A TOUGH JOB FOR YOU TWO!



OUR SPANISH AGENT HAS SOME VITAL INFORMATION FOR US. HOWEVER, HE HAS JUST BEEN THROWN IN PRISON!



WE MUST BE RELEASED! AND THAT IS WHERE YOU COME IN. I WANT YOU TO FLY INTO SPAIN AND BRING HIM BACK!

BUT THAT'S A NEUTRAL COUNTRY!



I KNOW - WE HAVE GERMAN UNIFORMS AND A GERMAN PLANE. THERE ARE SO MANY NAZIS IN SPAIN YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FLY IN UNNOTICED!

GOOD! WE MAY BE ABLE TO BLUFF OUR WAY THROUGH!



THIS IS THE TOUGHEST ASSIGNMENT WE'VE HAD YET!

YEAH - WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST!



A FEW MINUTES LATER THEY TAKE OFF!



OVER A SMALL AIRPORT!

THIS IS THE PLACE, TOM!



BETTER LEAVE THE TALKING TO ME - YOUR SPANISH ISN'T UP TO SCRATCH!

OKAY, TIM!



TAKE US TO YOUR COMMANDER AT ONCE!

SI, SI SEÑOR!



AT THE MAJORS QUARTERS!

HEIL HITLER - WE ARE TO TAKE YOUR PRISONER TO THE GENERAL FOR QUESTIONINGS!



I JUST HAD ORDERS FROM THE GENERAL TO SHOOT HIM! YOU'RE SPIES!

COME ON, TIM - THIS GUY'S A TROUBLE MAKER!



HELP - UGH!

QUIET - YOU DOG!

I'LL TAKE THESE KEYS PLUNK!



TIE HIM UP WHILE I GO GET THE PRISONER, TIM!



QUICK! FOLLOW ME - WE'VE GOT A PLANE WAITING OUTSIDE!

GRACIAS SEÑOR - I HAD GIVEN UP HOPE!



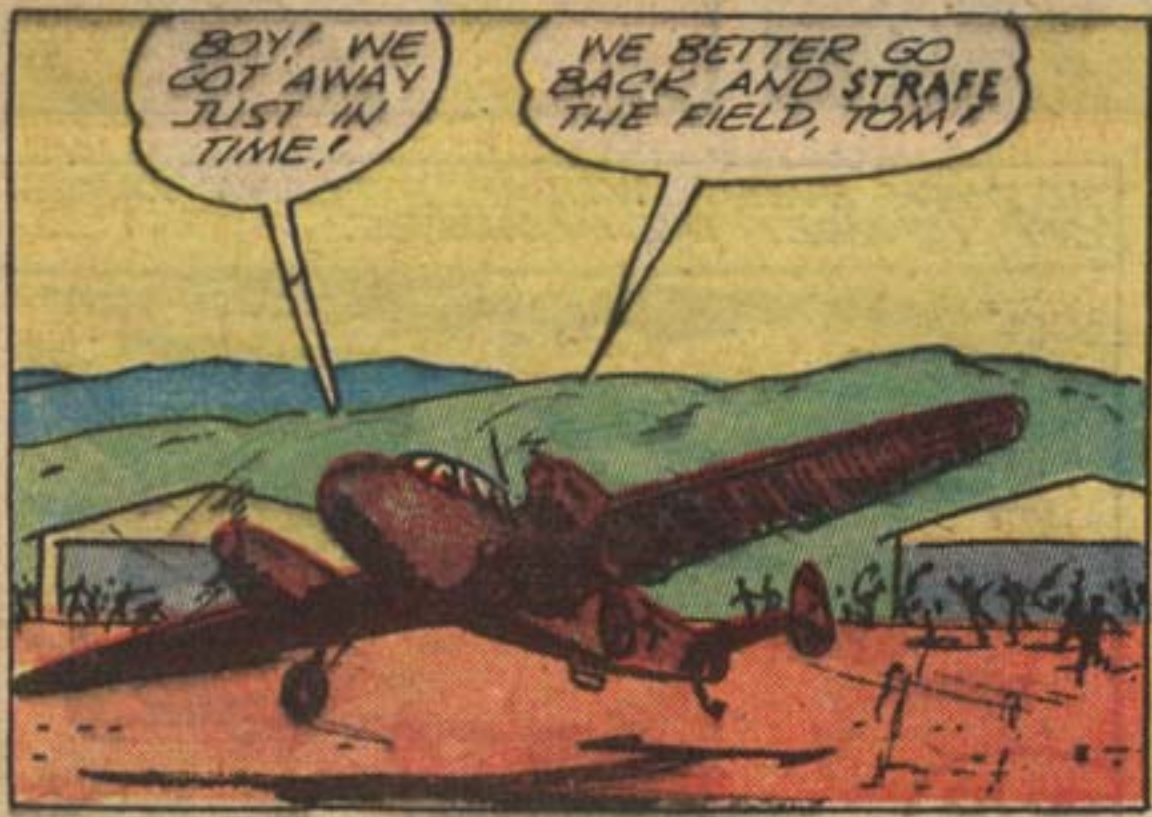
OKAY, TIM - I'VE GOT HIM! LET'S GO!

OH OH - THE GUARDS HAVE SPOTTED US. HURRY!

HALT!



I'LL HOLD 'EM OFF TILL YOU GET SET, TOM!



BOY! WE GOT AWAY JUST IN TIME!

WE BETTER GO BACK AND STRAFE THE FIELD, TOM!



GIVE 'EM EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!



THEY WON'T FOLLOW US NOW, TOM!

GOOD - NOW TO GET BACK TO GIBRALTAR!



BACK AT GIBRALTAR!

HERE'S YOUR MAN, COLONEL!

I KNEW YOU TWO WOULDN'T FAIL ME - QUICK, ALVAREZ - YOUR INFORMATION!



SEÑOR COLONEL, THE NAZIS ARE COMING OVER TONIGHT, AND AN ARMY IS BEING SENT BY SEA!

HOW MANY PLANES HAVE THEY?

THERE ARE FIVE HUNDRED BOMBERS. THEY FIGURE TO OVERWHELM ALL OPPOSITION AND SMASH YOUR DEFENSES! AND I'M AFRAID THEY'LL SUCCEED!



YES! WE CANNOT HOPE TO HOLD OFF A MASS ATTACK!

WAIT, COLONEL. I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

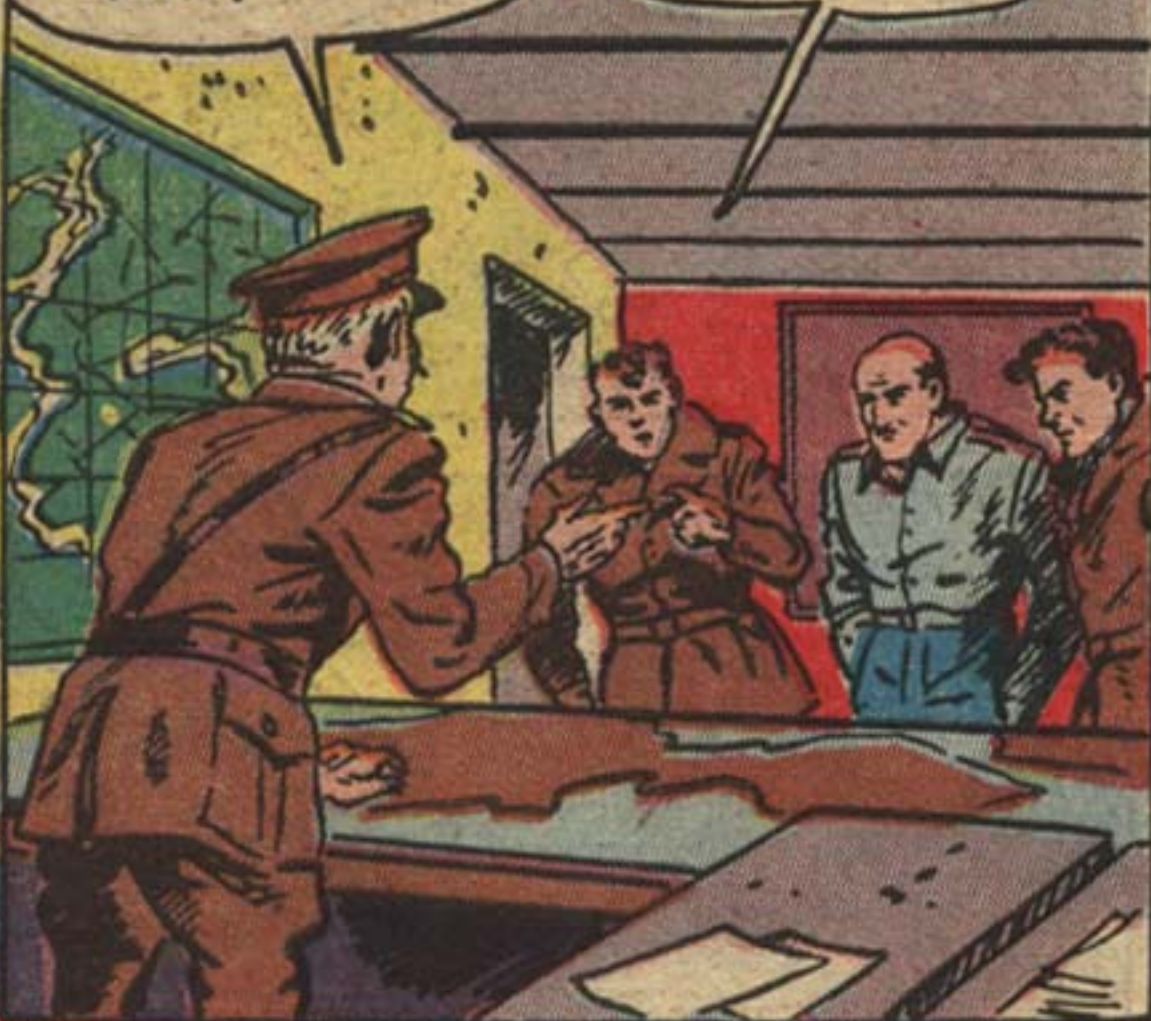


YOU HAVE LOTS OF BALLOONS FOR CONVOY DUTY - WHY NOT PUT UP A WALL OF STEEL CABLES SUSPENDED BY THOSE SAME BALLOONS. OUR PLANES CAN KEEP THEM FROM GOING OVER THAT WALL!

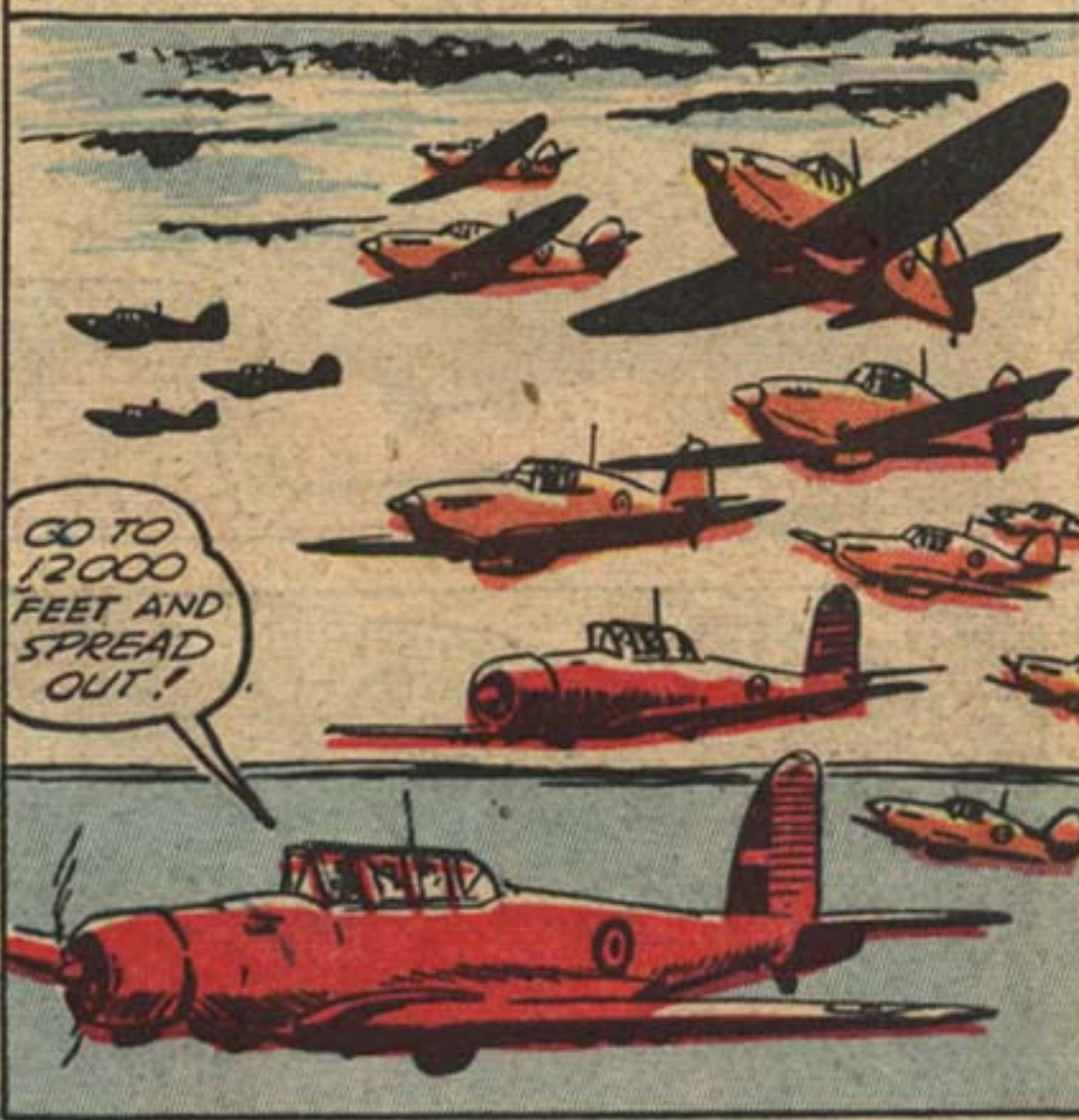


SHANE - YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE, BUT WHAT ABOUT THEIR SHIPS BRINGING THEIR ARMY?

LET'S WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER - IF WE CAN'T HOLD OFF THE BOMBERS, ALL IS LOST ANYWAY!

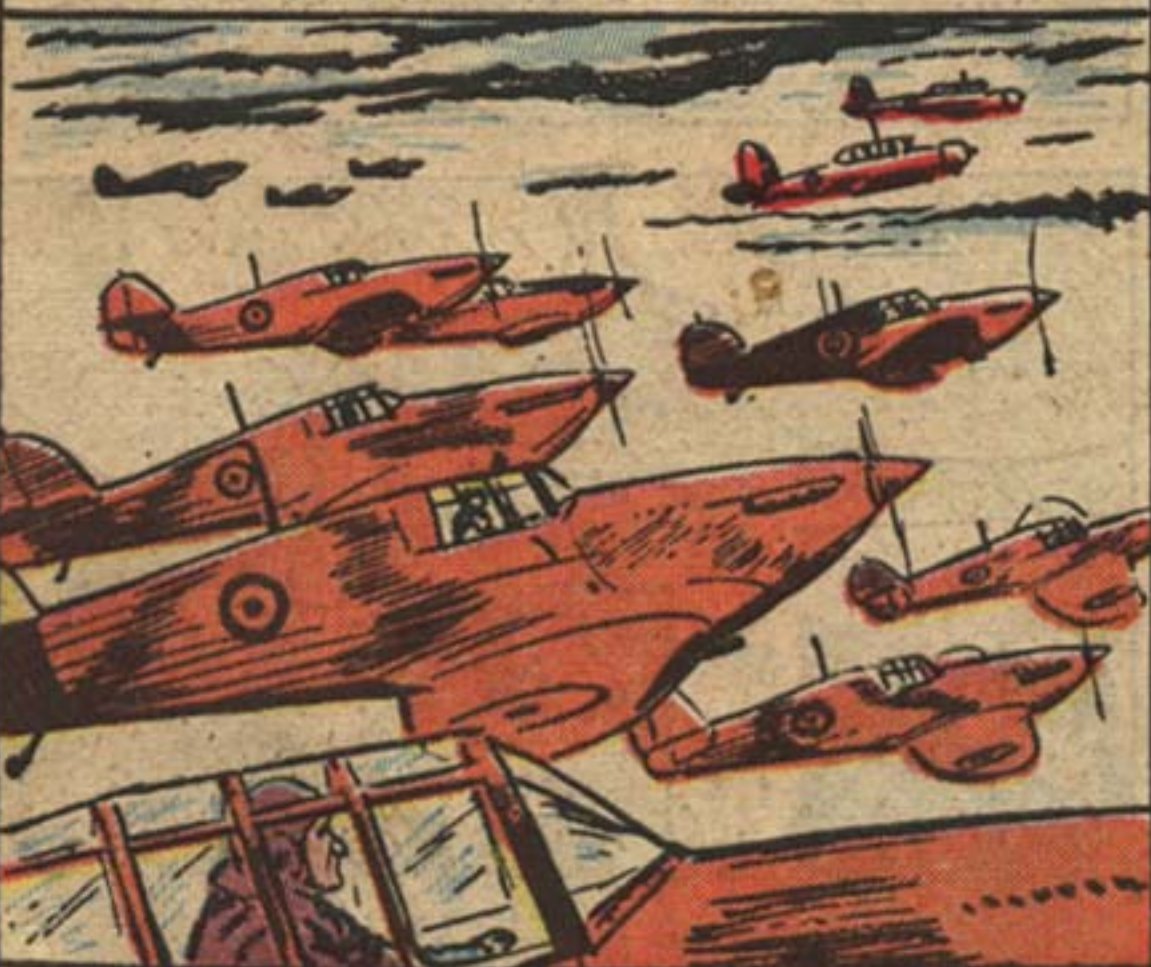


AT DUSK EVERY AVAILABLE PLANE TAKES OFF TO MEET THE INVADERS.

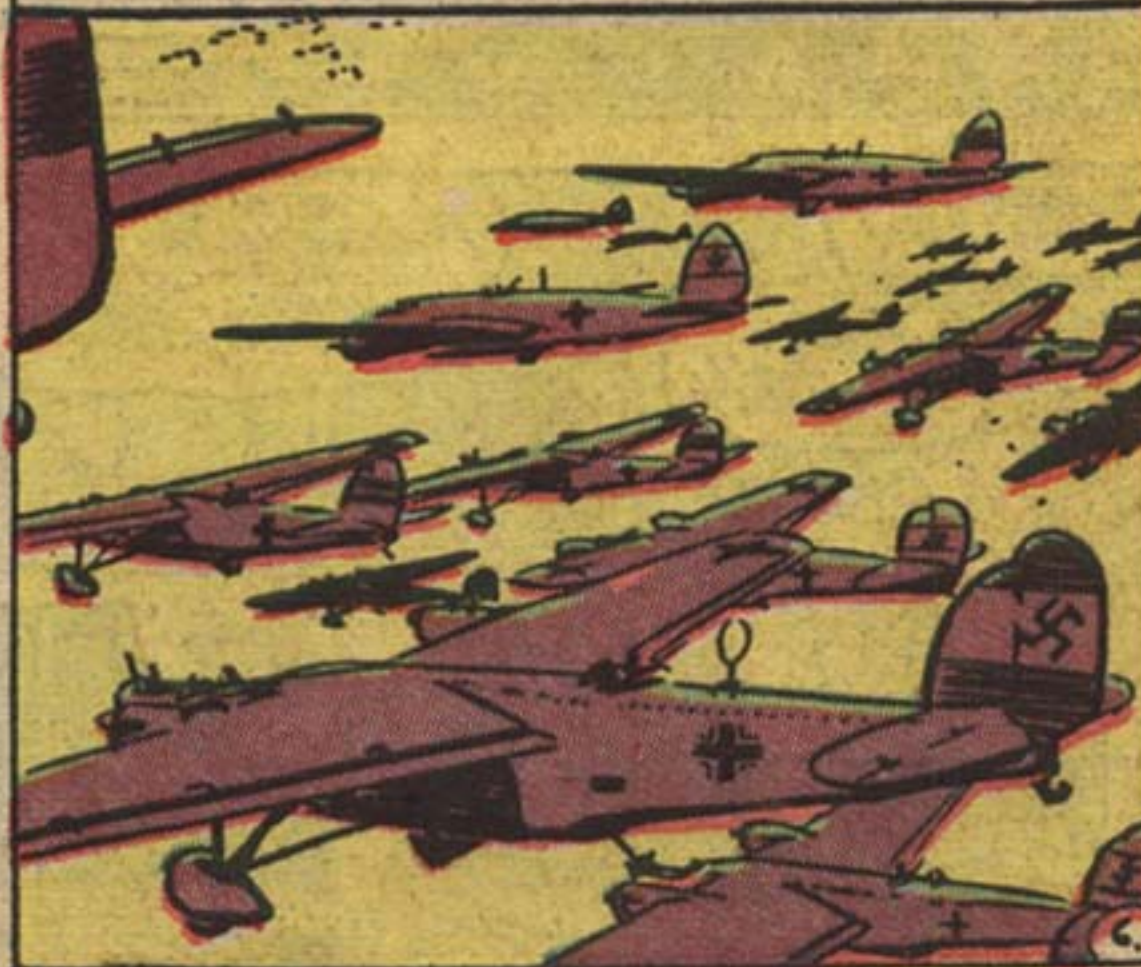


GO TO 12000 FEET AND SPREAD OUT!

JUST OFF THE SPANISH COAST...



THE NAZI BOMBERS ARE SIGHTED!





THE OUTNUMBERED BRITISH ARE SLOWLY FORCED BACK!



PRESENTLY, THE ENEMY REACHES ITS OBJECTIVE!



BUT AS THE NAZIS DIVE ON THEIR TARGET!



THEY ARE ENMESHED IN THE BALLOON CABLES!



OKAY, TIM, THESE BOMBERS ARE LICKED! LET'S GO AFTER THE TRANSPORTS!





THE DEVIL'S TWINS CARRY ON THE BATTLE AGAINST OPPRESSION IN NEXT MONTH'S
ZIP COMICS

Here's what you get in NO. 3

SHIELD-WIZARD COMICS



WHY DID JU JU WATSON FACE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR... AND HOW COULD THE SHIELD SAVE HIM WITHOUT FIRST BREAKING THE LAW HE HAD SWORN TO UPHOLD?....

THE MAHARAJAH MURDERS



WAS THIS A PRE-HISTORIC BEAST THAT STRUCK TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF ALL HOLLYWOOD OR WAS IT MURDER, HUMANLY AND FIENDISHLY DESIGNED; THAT ONLY THE WIZARD COULD FRUSTRATE?

MYSTERY OF THE FLYING DUTCHMAN



WAS THIS A GHOST SHIP THAT CAME OUT OF THE MIST TO PLUNGE JOE, DUSTY JUJU AND BETTY WARREN INTO THE WEIRDEST ADVENTURE OF THEIR CAREERS?..

DEATH BELOW



TERROR STRUCK AT ALL THOSE WHO TRIED TO WORK IN THE VITAL MANGANESE MINES, BUT THE SHIELD AND DUSTY WERE STILL TO BE RECKONED WITH!....



THE MONSTER OF MADNESS



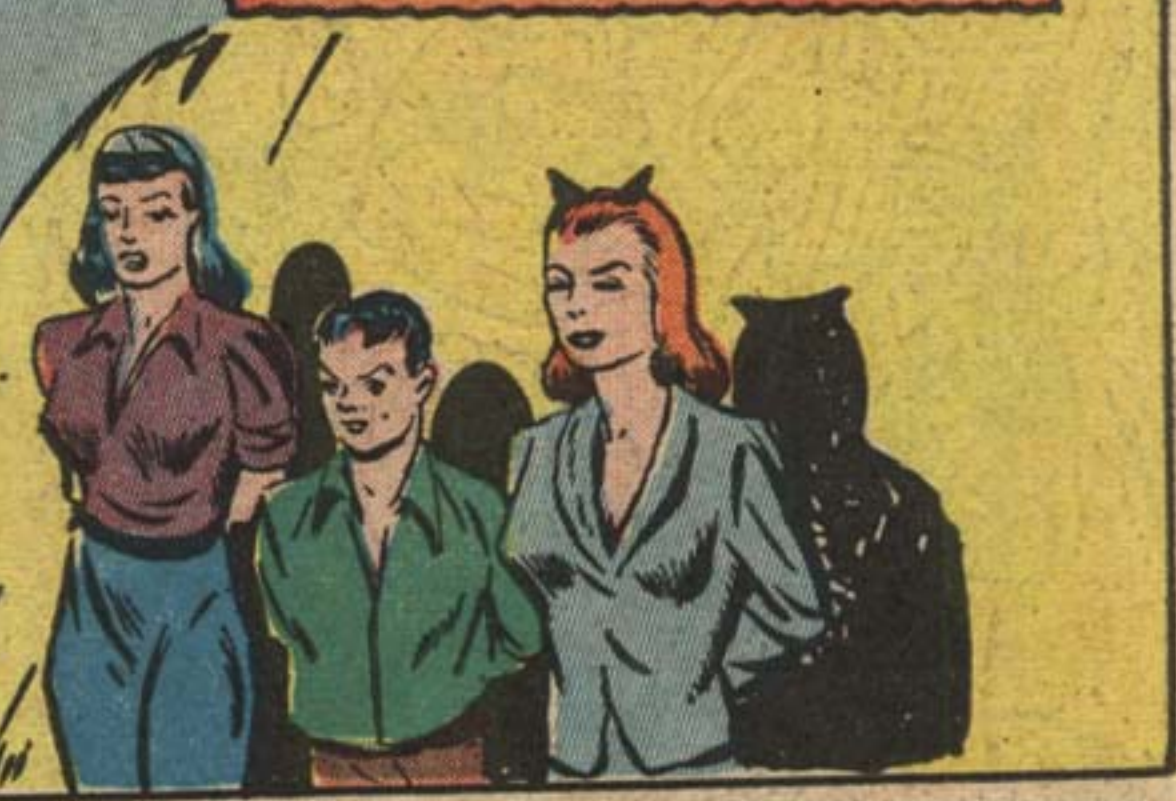
WEIRD HORROR STRUCK AT ALL VISITORS TO THE CITY UNTIL THE WIZARD AND ROY THE SUPER-BOY DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE!..

THE CORPSES THAT WOULDN'T STAY HOME

ALL THESE STORIES, AND MORE, APPEAR IN THE SPRING ISSUE, NO. 3, OF SHIELD-WIZARD COMICS, ON SALE AT ALL NEWSSTANDS ON MARCH 1st. ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!

CAPTAIN VALOR

CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE - WHEN A STOLEN ARMORED DIVISION IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING WAS WRECKED - RONNIE, TANIA, AND DALLAS ARE LINED UP BEFORE A FIRING SQUAD!



HOLD! WE HAVE TWO MORE GUESTS FOR THE EXECUTIONS!



BUT SUDDEN SOUNDS INTERRUPT THE PROCEEDINGS!

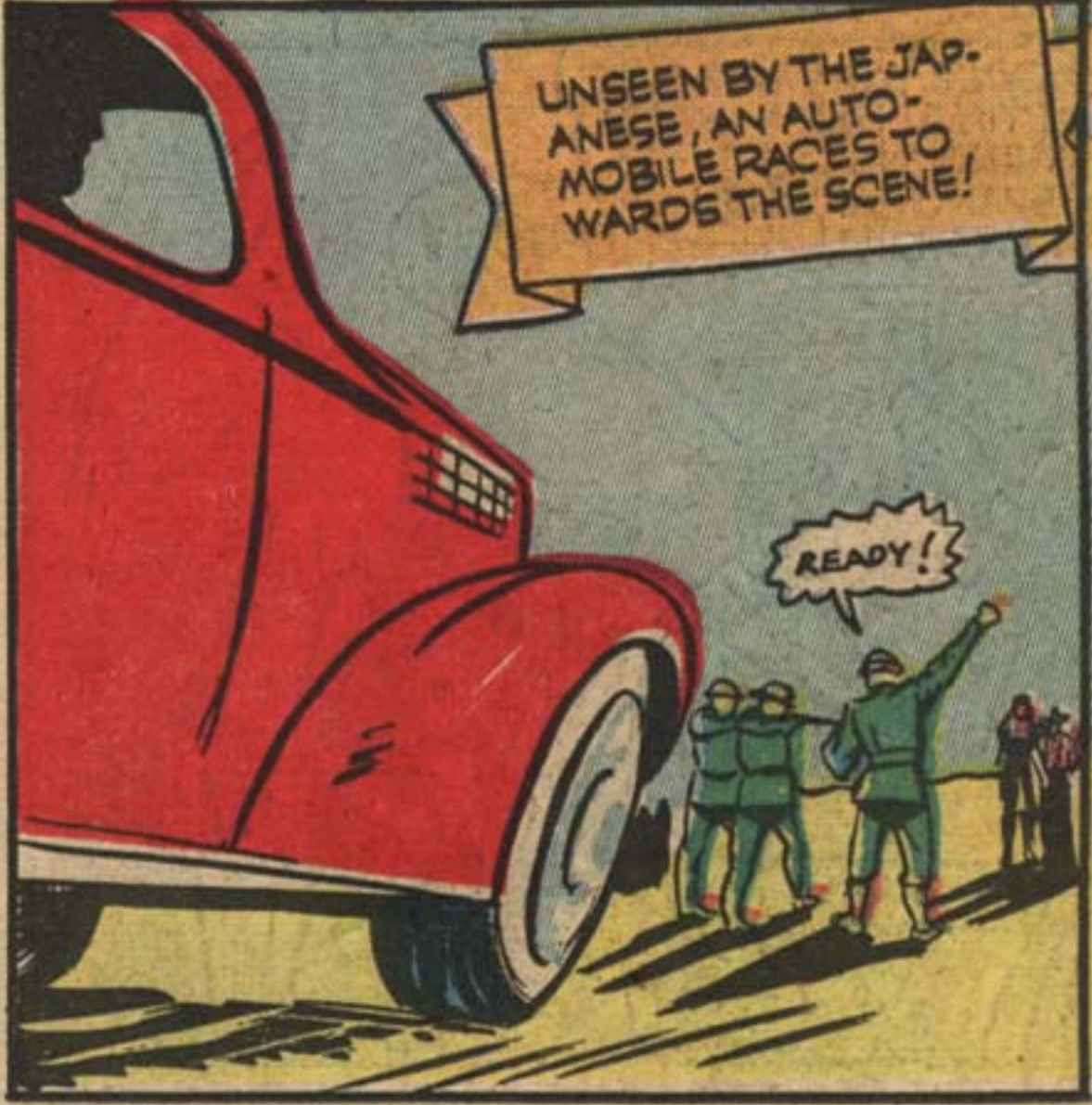
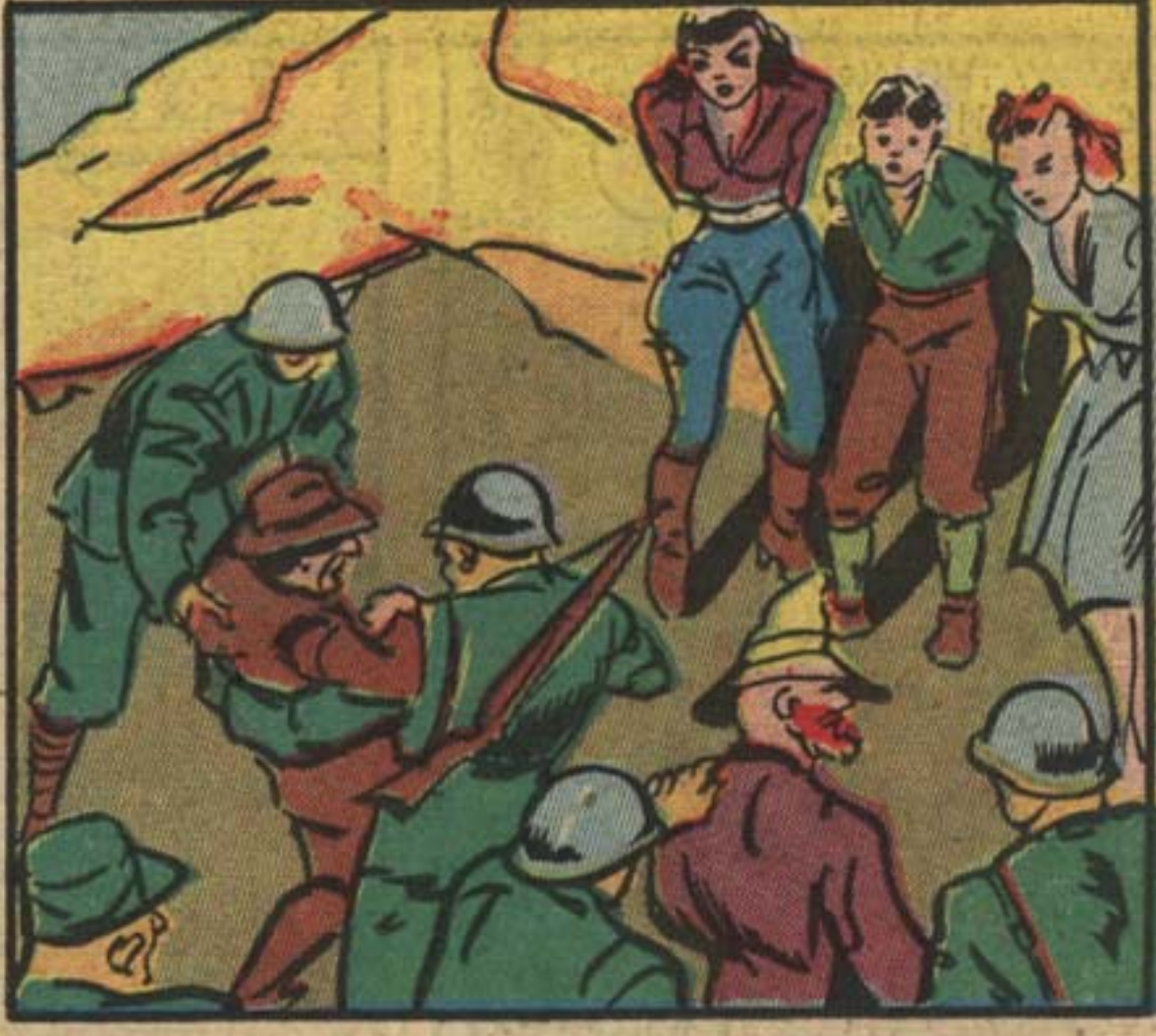
NEEKOLAUS AND ZEKE PEPPER ARE ALSO CAPTURED!



I THOUGHT THEY WERE KILLED IN THE AMBUSH!

THEY WEREN'T - BUT WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? THEY'RE GONERS NOW!







WOW! THE WAY THAT GUY CAME, HE MUST HAVE LEARNED TO DRIVE IN BROOKLYN!

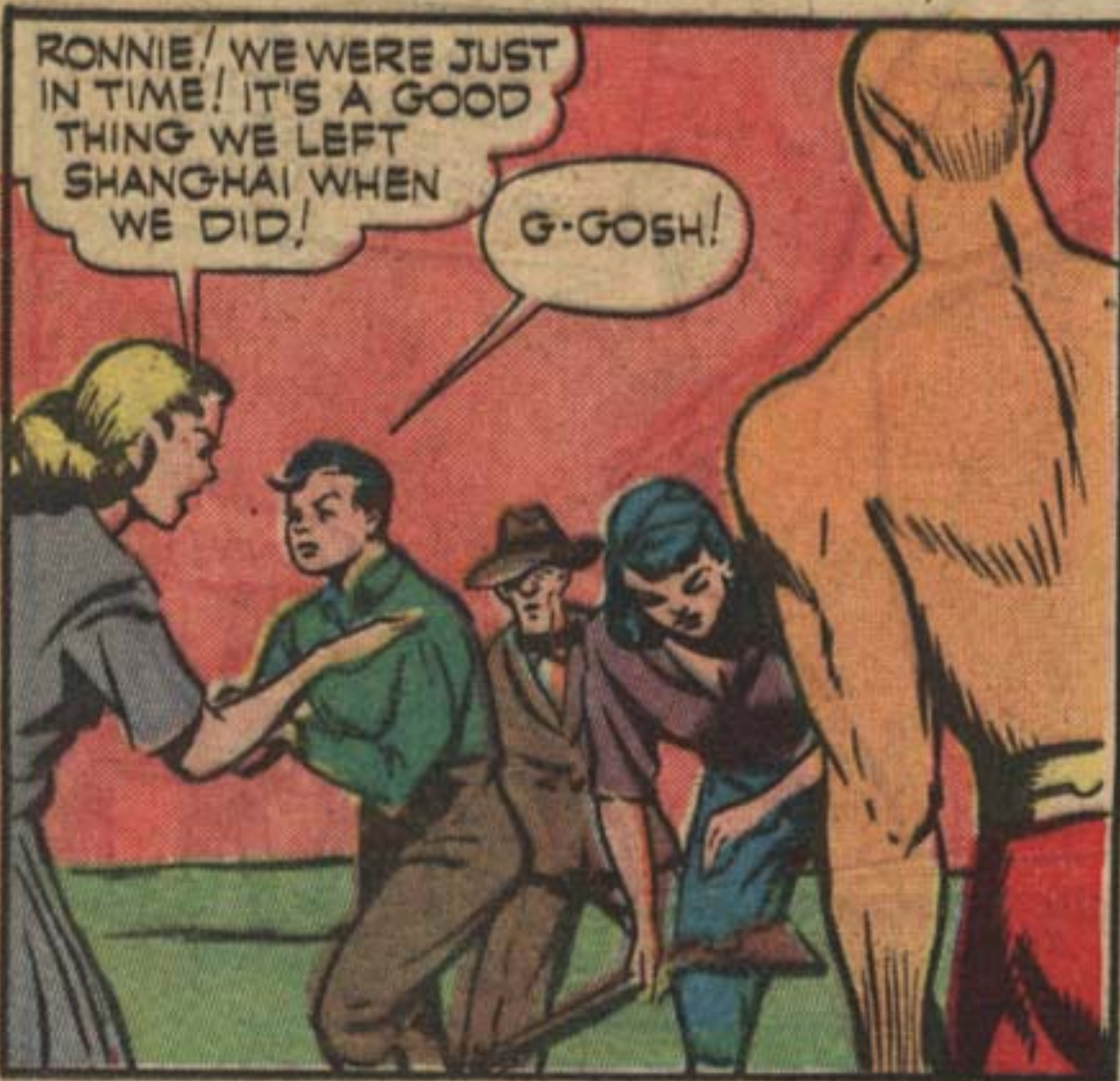


TWO FIGURES LEAP FROM THE SEDAN!



HEY! IT'S MY SISTER-ANGIE! ...AND BIG DIP!

OH BOY!



RONNIE! WE WERE JUST IN TIME! IT'S A GOOD THING WE LEFT SHANGHAI WHEN WE DID!

G-GOSH!



COME ON NEEKOLAUS! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE!



WHERE'D NEEKOLAUS GO? AND TANIA... WHERE'S SHE?

THEY'VE ESCAPED! LET'S GO AFTER THEM!



A SWARM OF BULLETS SUDDENLY ZING ALL AROUND THEM!



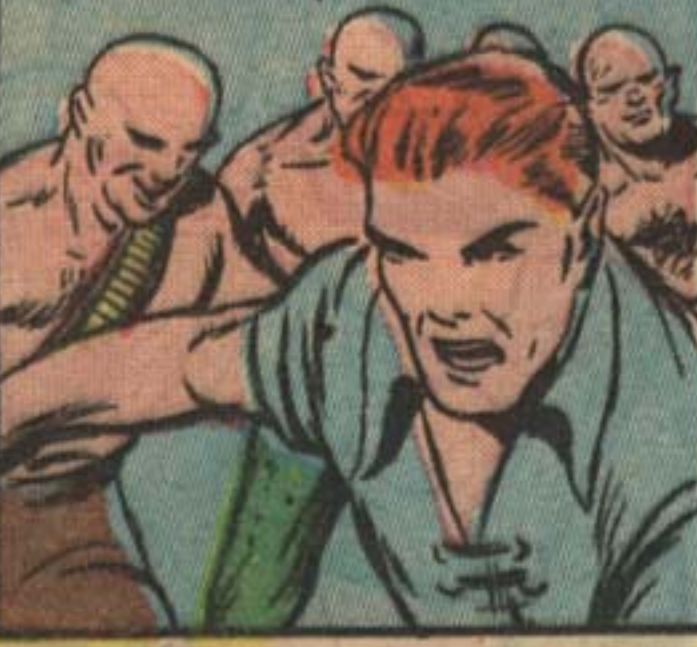
IT'S THE REST OF THE JAPS! QUICK! THEY'RE ADVANCING! GET UNDER COVER!

MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN VALOR, STRANDED WITH ZEKE'S TROUPE OF WRESTLERS, ATTEMPTS TO CATCH UP WITH HIS FRIENDS!

DOUBLE-TIME, MEN! WE'VE GOT TO CATCH UP WITH THAT DIVISION!



LISTEN!...SHOTS!...UP THE ROAD SOMEWHERE! IT CAN'T BE FAR! LET'S GO!



COME ON, YOU BUNCH OF WEAK SISTERS! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE IN TRAINING FOR-A WRESTLING MATCH?

WE'RE RIGHT WIT YA!



AH! THAT'S WHAT'S LEFT OF THE DIVISION! AND UNLESS I'M WRONG, THE JAPS ARE ADVANCING UP THE HILL TO GET DALLAS AND RONNIE! LET'S GET DOWN THERE!



THERE ISN'T A GUN IN THE JOINT! BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF INVADER UNIFORMS! COME ON...HELP ME GET 'EM OUT!

OKAY, CAP!



PUT THESE ON! AND TAKE SOME OF THIS MUD AND PUT IT ON YOUR HANDS AND FACES!

AW GEE! AND I JUST TOOK A BATH!



GOOD ENOUGH! YOU'LL PASS FOR ENEMY SOLDIERS! THE NEXT STEP IS TO GET SOME GUNS! SPLIT UP AND ADVANCE UP THE HILL!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE "HUNGARIAN ANGEL" APPROACHES A JAPANESE SNIPER...



DIS POP-GUN WON'T DO ANY-MORE POPPING AT DA WRONG PEOPLE!



AT ANOTHER POINT ON THE HILL, THE "KOKOMO KILLER" SNEAKS UP BEHIND AN INVADER SOLDIER....



STOP KICKIN'! YOU MAKE ME NERVOUS!



"CAULIFLOWER CARL" ALSO FINDS A VICTIM!



IN A SHORT WHILE, THE WHOLE SECTOR IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF CAPTAIN VALOR AND THE WRESTLERS!





GOSH, DALLAS! WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF BULLETS! WE CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER!

...AND THEY'VE STOPPED FIRING! IT'S A TRICK! MAYBE THEY'RE SNEAKING UP AROUND THE HILL!



SURE! AND IF WE LEAVE OUR POSITIONS THEY'RE LIABLE TO CATCH US IN THE OPEN!

WHY DID I EVER LEAVE BROOKLYN?



JUST BEYOND THE KNOLL OF THE HILL, CAPTAIN VALOR OVERPOWERS THE LAST SNIPER!



THIS JUST ABOUT WINDS UP TODAY'S CLASS IN MILITARY TACTICS!



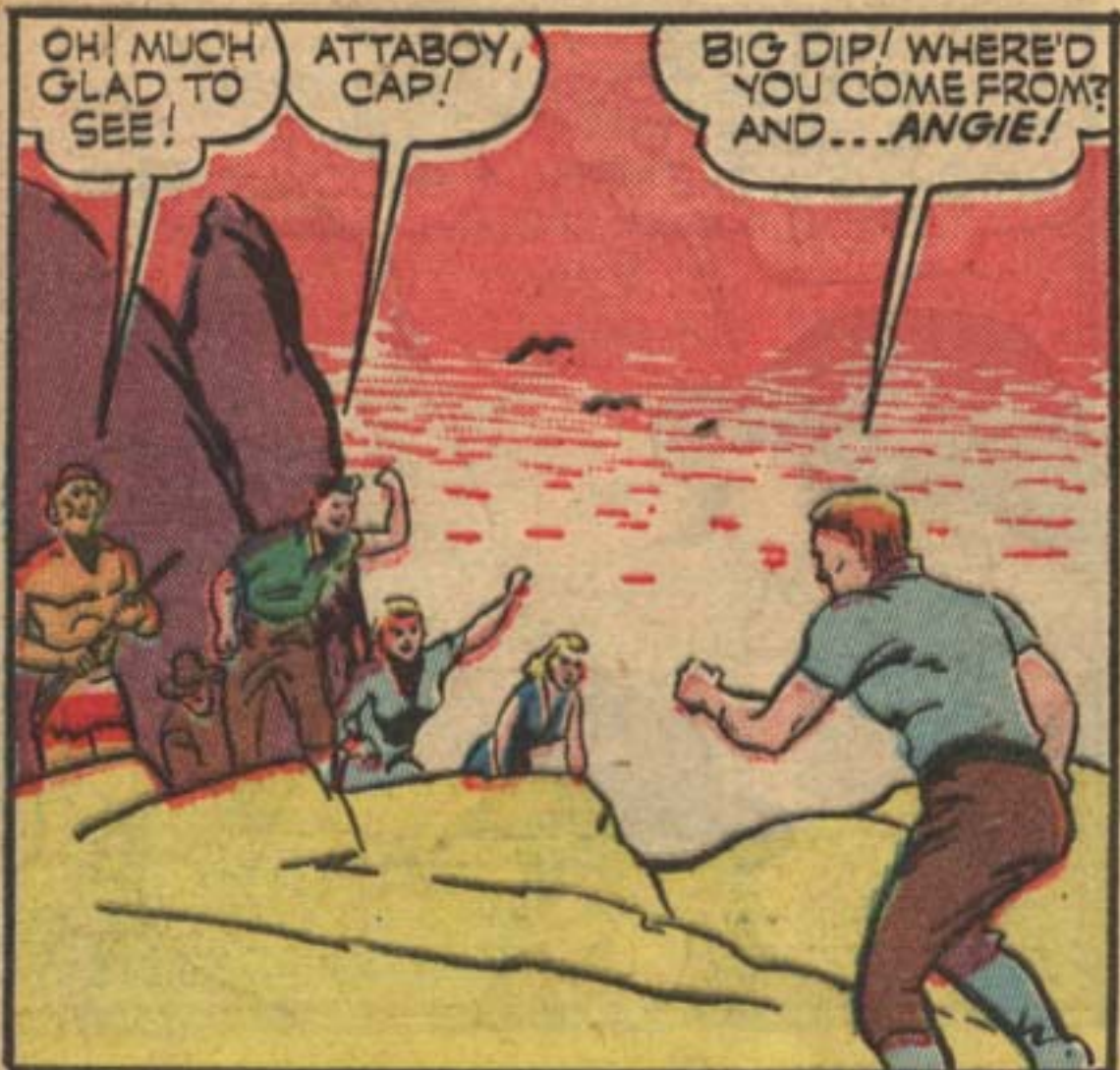
COME ON, BOYS! **OVER THE TOP!** BUT KEEP YOUR TIN HATS ON - JUST IN CASE!



I SEE A HELMET! HOLD YOUR FIRE UNTIL THEY REACH THE CREST OF THE HILL! EVERY SHOT MUST COUNT!



HOLD IT! LOOK WHO'S COMING! **CAPTAIN VALOR!**



OH! MUCH GLAD TO SEE!

ATTABOY, CAP!

BIG DIP! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM? AND...ANGIE!



OH, JOY! MUCH MUSH!

I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH!

YOU SAID IT!



WHILE JUST OUTSIDE THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, TANIA AND NEEKOLAUS ARE HIDING!

LOOK AT VALOR MAKING LOVE TO THAT HUSSY! HE NEVER DID THAT TO ME!



WHY WORRY ABOUT DAT LOW-LIFE KEPTIN WALOR, WHEN YOU HAFF A GENTLEMAN LIKE NEEKOLAUS!

OH, SHUT UP! LET'S GO BEFORE THEY DISCOVER WHERE WE ARE!



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND DALLAS ANYWAY?

WE WERE KIDNAPPED WHEN TANIA AND NEEK STOLE THE DIVISION!



I SEE! AND ZEKE WAS IN ON IT WITH NEEKOLAUS, HUH?



WHY, YOU LITTLE DOUBLE-CROSSING APE! I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING YOU'LL REMEMBER ME BY FOR A LONG TIME!



NEVER MIND ABOUT HIM, CAP! ME AND TH'REST OF TH' BOYS WAS DOUBLE-CROSSED BY OUR 'CHUM! WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM!





ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I AM?

I SURE AM!...HE'S THE BEST ENGRAVER IN THE WORLD!...THAT'S FOR US!



HELLO NICK! STARTING NEXT WEEK, WE'LL HAVE A NEW SET OF PLATES, AND WE'LL HAVE SOME REAL STUFF FOR YOU!...STICK WITH ME, BOY, YOU'LL BE ROLLING IN DIAMONDS!



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER IN THE LABORATORY OF THE SCARLET AVENGER...

THERE'S SOMETHING HERE THAT MAY INTEREST YOU!

ABOUT THE COUNTERFEIT RING?



YES!...STUDYING A BILL UNDER THE MIKE, I MADE A DISCOVERY!...LOOK AT THIS!



WH..WHY THERE'S A MESSAGE WORKED INTO THE DESIGN!



READ IT!

IT SAYS, CODE MESSAGE ON FACE!



WELL, LET'S TURN IT OVER AND TAKE A LOOK!



THOSE DOTS AND DASHES SPELL OUT A MORSE CODE MESSAGE!



CAN YOU DECODE IT?

IT SAYS, "AM PRISONER, LONELY HOUSE, ARMONK. HELP. E DESI."



E. DESI?..ISN'T HE THE ENGRAVER, WHO WAS KILLED WHEN HIS CAR WENT INTO THE RIVER A MONTH AGO?



HE'S THE ONE, ALL RIGHT, BUT HIS BODY WAS NEVER FOUND!

AND...YOU'RE GOING TO ARMONK? BE CAREFUL, JIM!



THAT NIGHT, A LONELY HOUSE IN ARMONK

HMMM! GUARDS FOR A DESERTED HOUSE! THIS MUST BE IT!



WELL, HERE WE GO!



HEY!..WHAT!..

UH! UH! MUST-N'T SHOUT!



HOW MANY OTHER GUARDS?

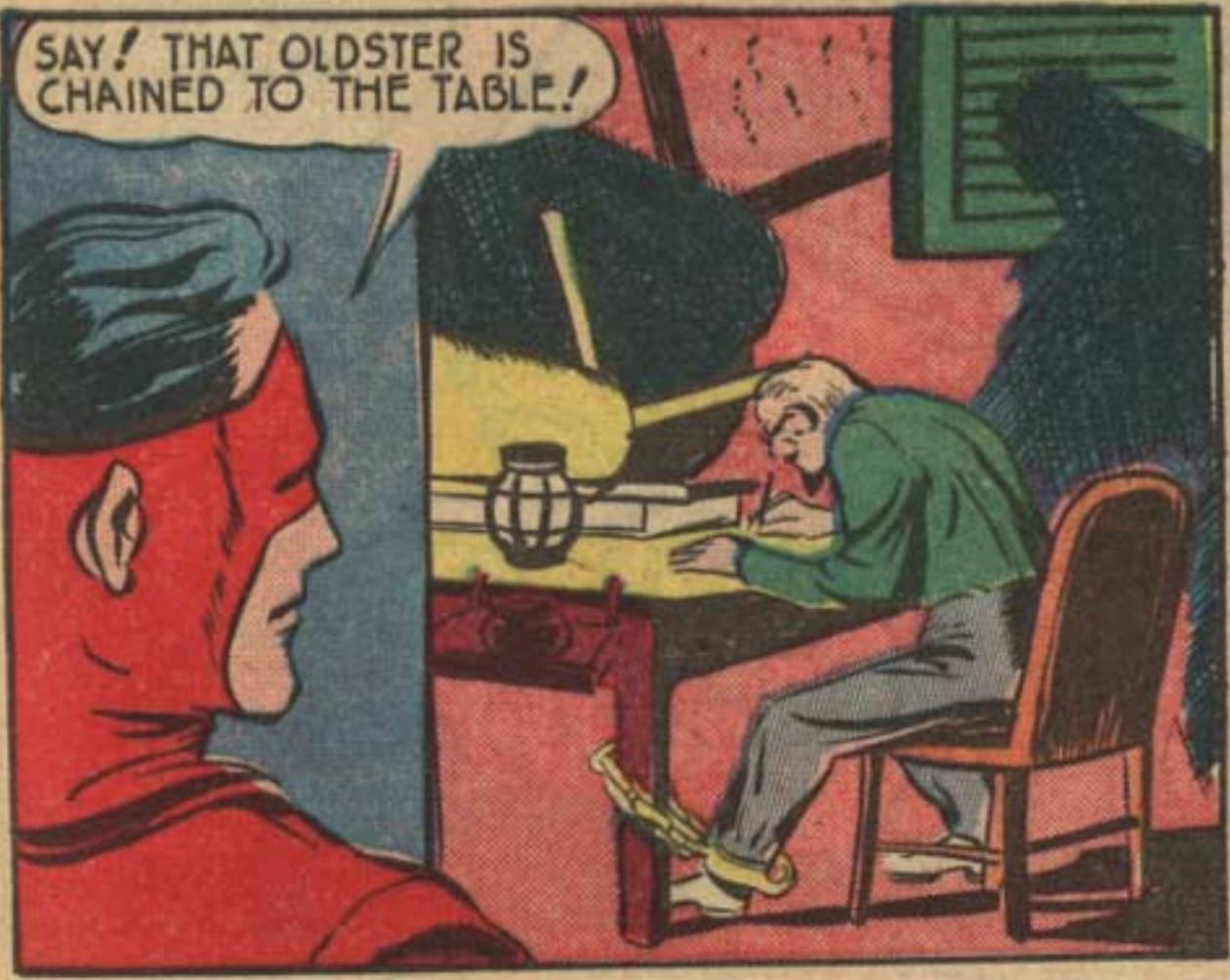
TW..TWO! ONE IS DUE ANY MINUTE NOW!



JOE, WHERE ARE YOU?

CALL HIM HERE!

OVER THIS WAY!



THE GUARD BRINGS A CROWBAR DOWN, FULL ON THE SCARLET AVENGER'S SKULL!



INEZ'S VOICE COMES OVER THE PHONO-VIZ. THE ACID DESI, THROW THE ACID!



NO!.. DON'T!.. EE...YI!



THANKS!... WHOEVER YOU ARE! BUT NOW, WHAT?

STAY THERE UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE! I'LL CALL THEM NOW!



WHAT'S THAT? THE COUNTERFEITERS ARE IN ARMONK?...



DID YOU BRING TOMMY GUNS? THEY'LL PROBABLY PUT UP A FIGHT!



MEANWHILE AT THE HOUSE...

YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE!

JUST AS YOU SAVED MINE!



YOU GOT MY MESSAGE ON THE BILLS?

YES!...IT WAS CLEVER...HOW DID YOU THINK OF IT?



AFTER THEY KIDNAPPED ME AND BROUGHT ME HERE, THEY TOLD ME THE WORLD THOUGHT I WAS DEAD!...



...THE F. B. I. SPOTTED THEIR PREVIOUS BILLS UNDER MICROSCOPES....



SO I GAMBLED THAT MY MESSAGE WOULD ALSO BE SEEN UNDER THE MICROSCOPE!

AND YOU WON!



POLICE SIRENS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



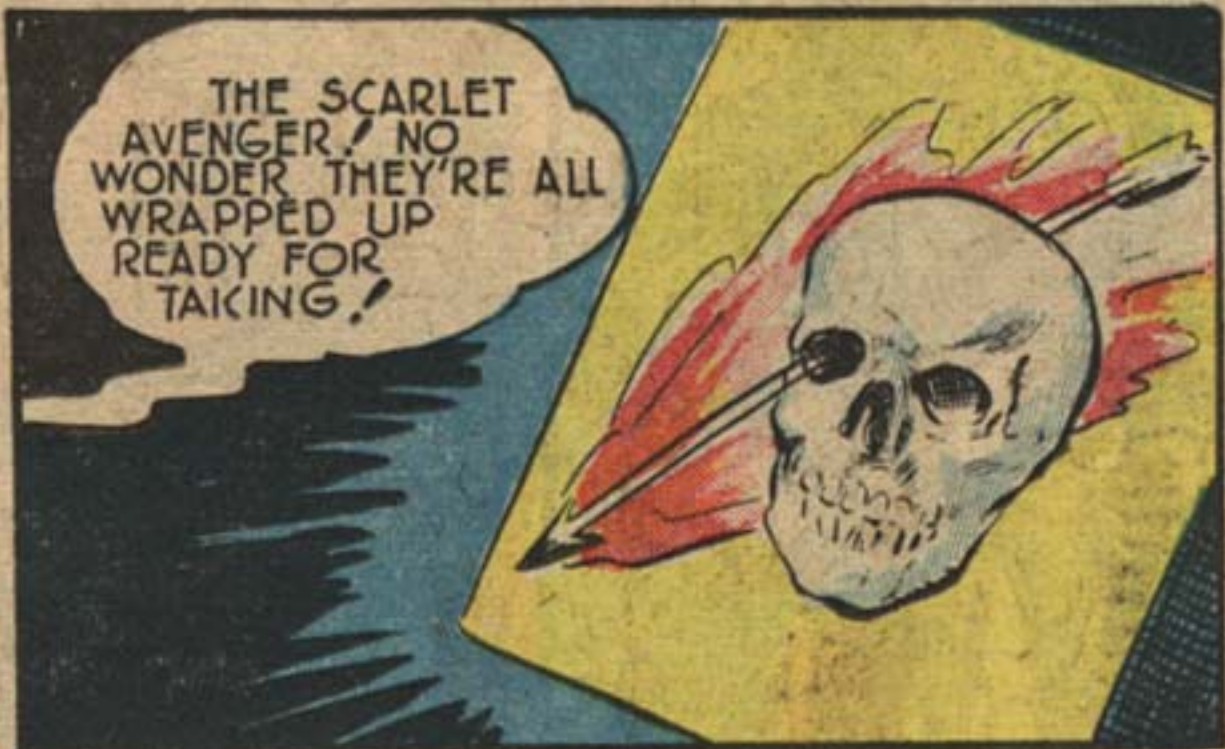
I'VE GOT SOMETHING HERE FOR THE POLICE TO SEE, FIRST!



THE POLICE ARRIVE...

EIGHT INDEED!...THEY'RE LUCKY THEY CAN TALK! I WONDER WHAT HIT THEM!

HEY SARGE!...LOOKA!



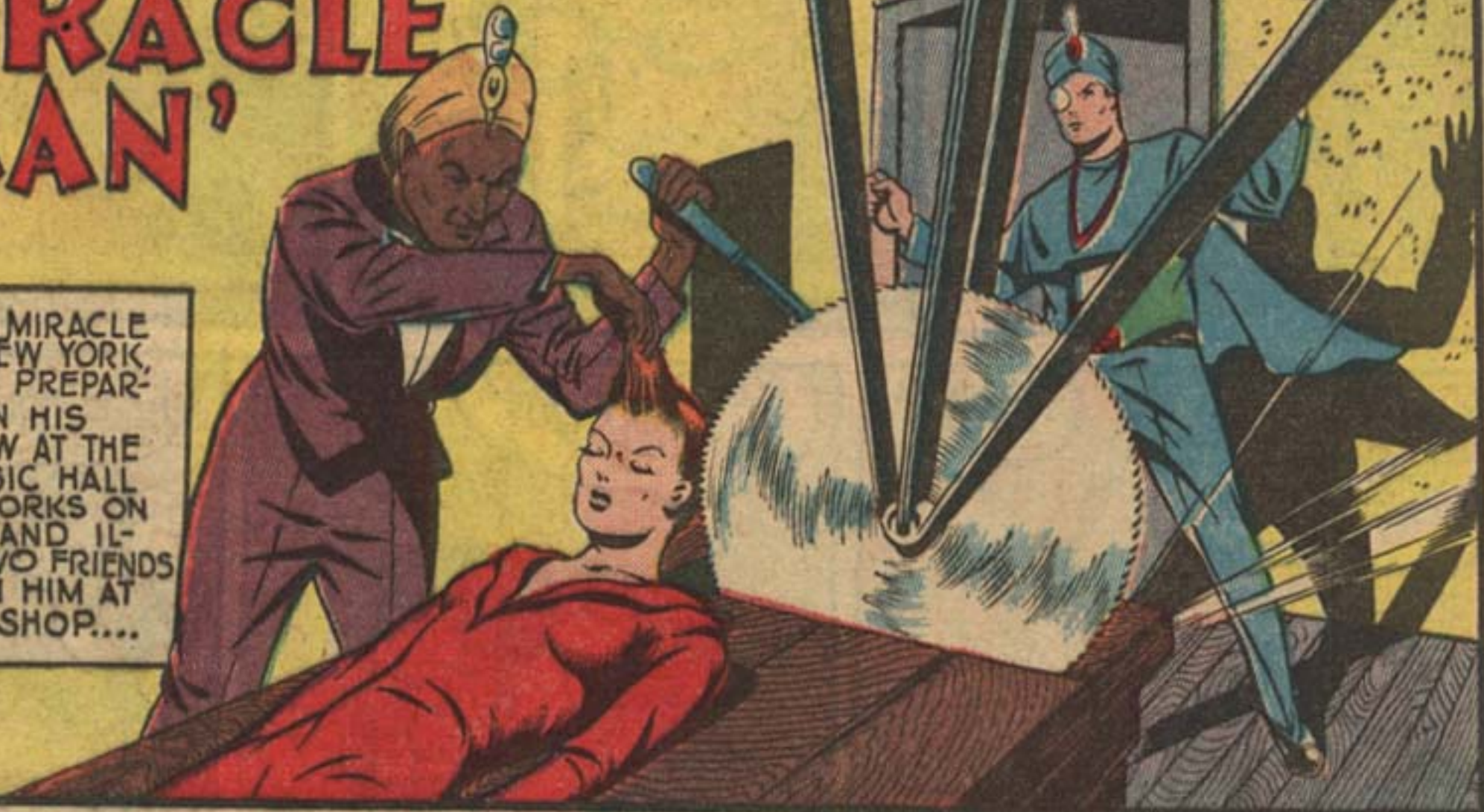
THE SCARLET AVENGER! NO WONDER THEY'RE ALL WRAPPED UP READY FOR TAKING!

THE SCARLET AVENGER FIGHTS ON AGAINST THE LAWLESS IN EVERY ISSUE OF ZIP COMICS

Zambini

THE 'MIRACLE MAN'

ZAMBINI, THE MIRACLE MAN, IS IN NEW YORK, WHERE HE IS PREPARING TO OPEN HIS STAGE SHOW AT THE CENTER MUSIC HALL... AS HE WORKS ON HIS TRICKS AND ILLUSIONS, TWO FRIENDS DROP IN ON HIM AT HIS WORKSHOP....



HELLO, ZAMBINI

BILL TRACEY!
COME IN!



MARY! IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME
SINCE I'VE
SEEN YOU!

TOO LONG, ZAMBINI
I HOPE YOU'LL STAY
IN AMERICA AWHILE
THIS TIME!



IF YOU'LL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO
DRIVE ME TO THE THEATRE, I'D LIKE
TO LOOK OVER THE
PREPARATIONS FOR
MY OPENING TOMORROW
EVENING!



COME ON,
ZAMBINI...
WE'RE
WAITING!

I'LL BE RIGHT
ALONG, FOLKS!



THEY ARRIVE AT THE THEATRE...

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT... A MUMMY CASE?

TH... THAT? COME... I'LL SHOW YOU!



YOU CAN SEE THERE ARE NO SECRET DOORS OR PANELS!

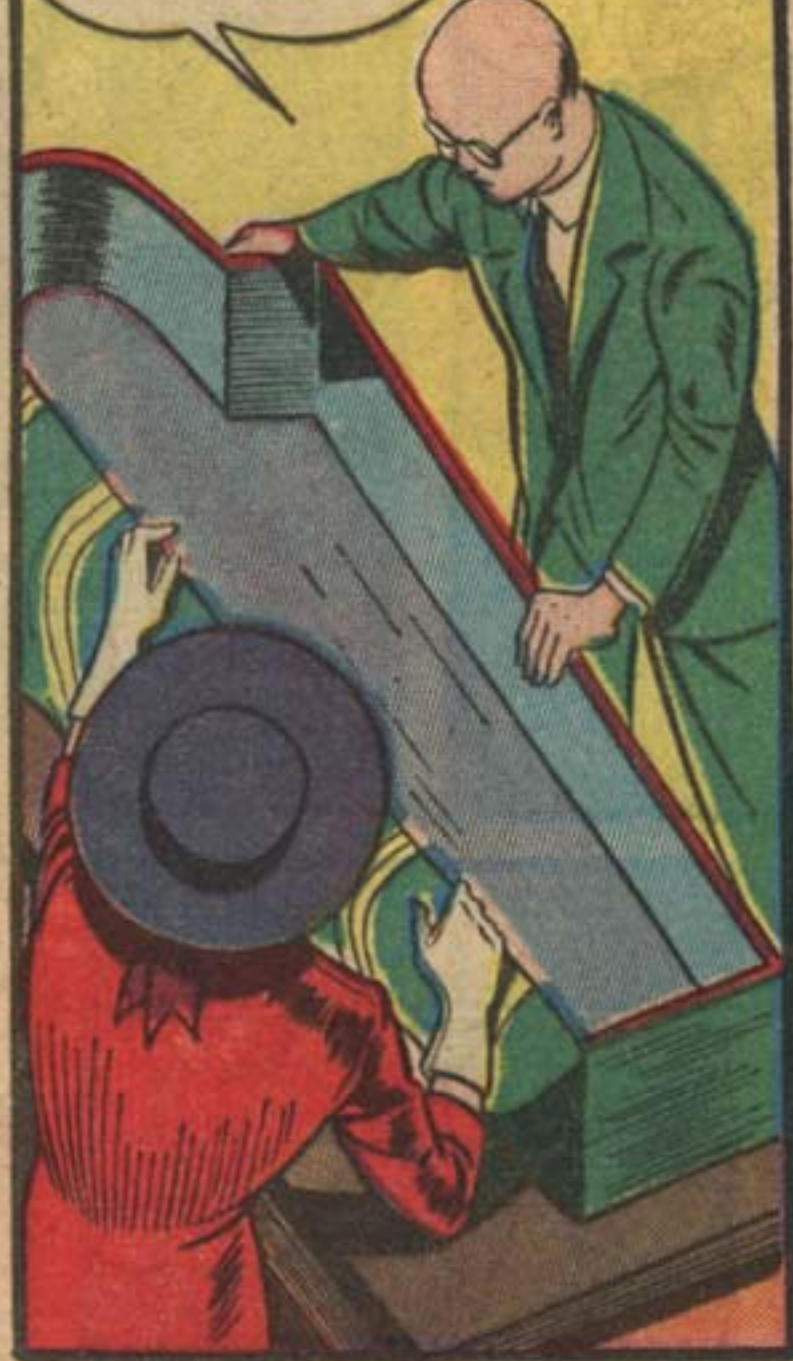
WHY... WHY YES... WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



THE MIRACLE MAN CLOSES THE LID OF THE CASE, REQUESTING THEM TO OPEN IT IN 30 SECONDS...



GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!... HE'S GONE!... DISAPPEARED!



LOOKING FOR ME? HERE I AM, IN THE BALCONY!



UP WHERE? HERE, I AM RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

GULP! HOW IN!...



THAT REMINDS ME! SIM BALI MIB THE HAITIAN MAGICIAN IS AT THE PALACE TONIGHT!

LET'S HOP OVER AND CATCH HIS SHOW! WILL YOU BE MY GUESTS?

SURE!





THE THREE ARRIVE AT THE PALACE THEATRE.....



AH?...SIMPLE!... IS IT NOT?



NOW, FOR MY GREATEST ILLUSION! FOR THIS, I REQUIRE THE SERVICES OF A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL!... WILL ONE VOLUNTEER!



YOU'RE PROBABLY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY HERE!...HOW ABOUT IT?

YOU'RE BOTH FLATTERING ME!... BUT I'LL GO!

GO ON, MARY!



AH! THIS IS MORE THAN I HAD HOPED FOR!... STEP RIGHT UP ON THE STAGE, PLEASE!



NOW, IF YOU WILL KINDLY TAKE THIS SEAT OVER HERE!



SIM BALI MIB PROCEEDS TO INDUCE A STATE OF HYPNOSIS OVER MARY TRACEY!

LOOK IN MY EYES!... LOOK! LOOK!



YOU WILL OBEY MY COMMANDS!... YOU WILL! YOU WILL!

YES!... I... I WILL OBEY, MASTER!

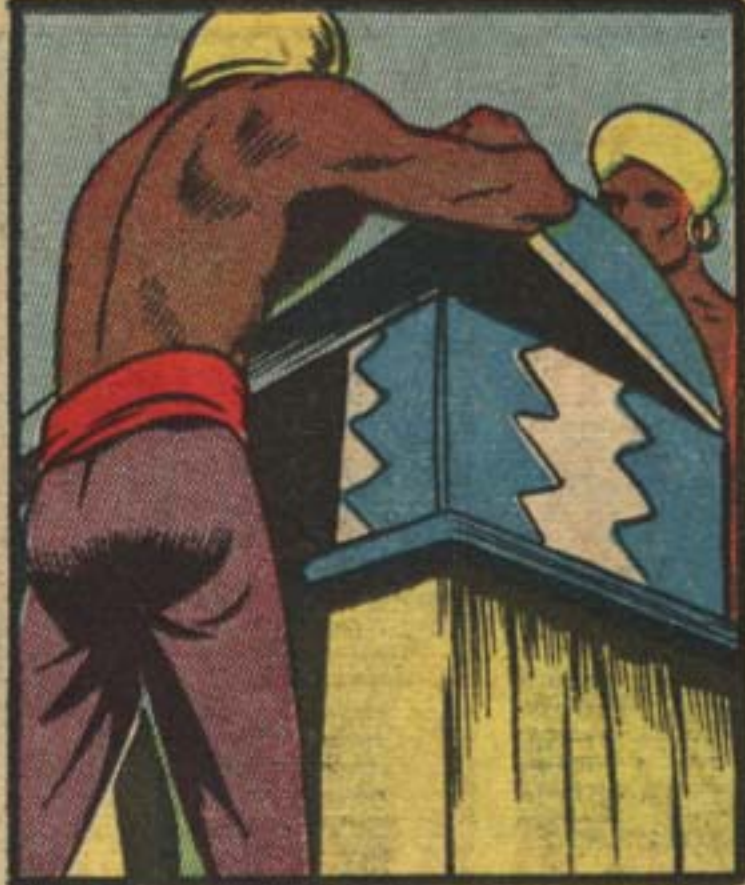
IS SHE REALLY HYPNOTIZED, ZAMBINI?

I'LL TELL YOU IN A FEW MOMENTS, BILL!... IF HE PLACES HER IN THAT BOX!... THEN!...

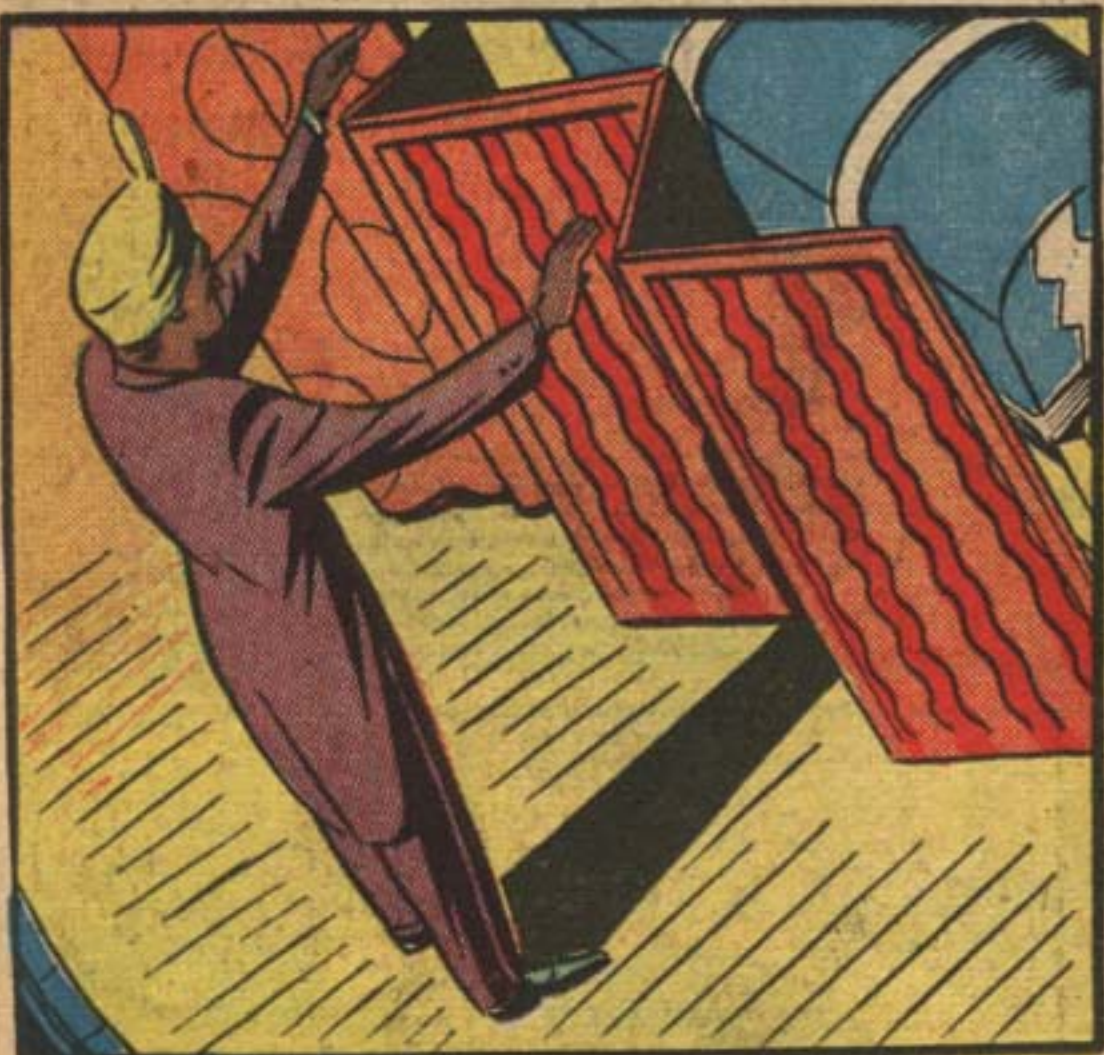


GENTLY, BOYS!... GENTLY!
PLACE HER IN THE BOX!

YES,
MASTER!



NOW, AROUND THE
BOX, I PLACE THIS
SCREEN!



ZAMBINI LEAPS TO HIS FEET!

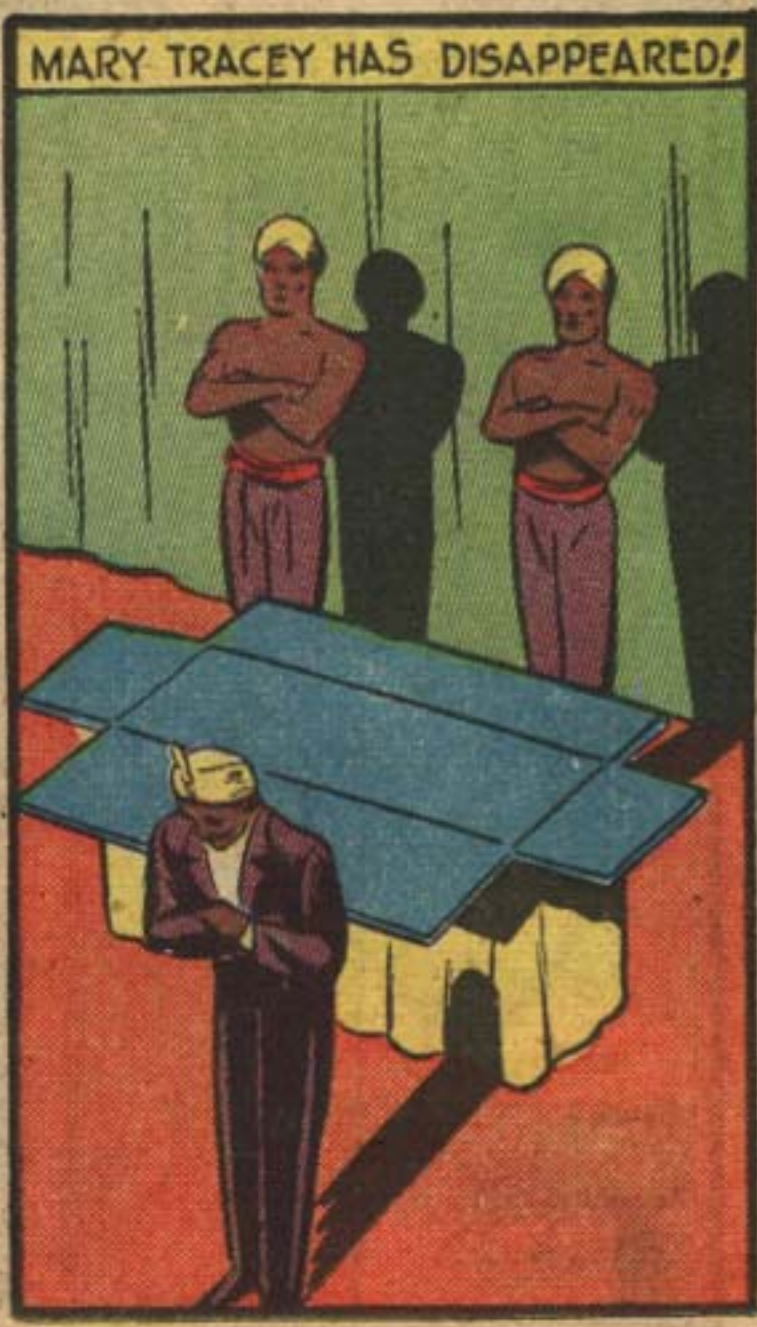
WHAT'S WRONG?

I'M NOT SURE
... BUT...



A SECOND LATER THE SCREEN IS
REMOVED FROM IN
FRONT OF THE
BOX....

WATCH THE BOX!
WATCH IT CLOSELY!

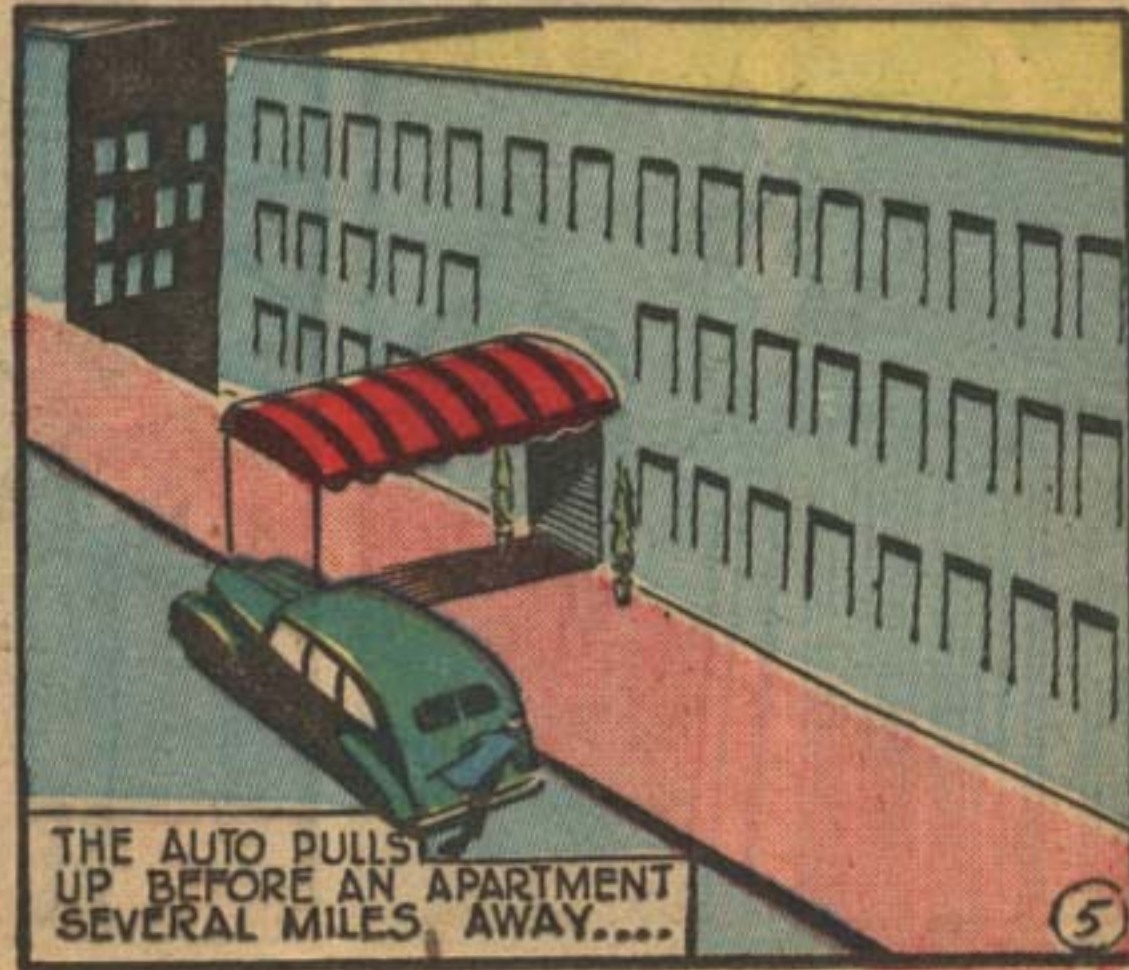
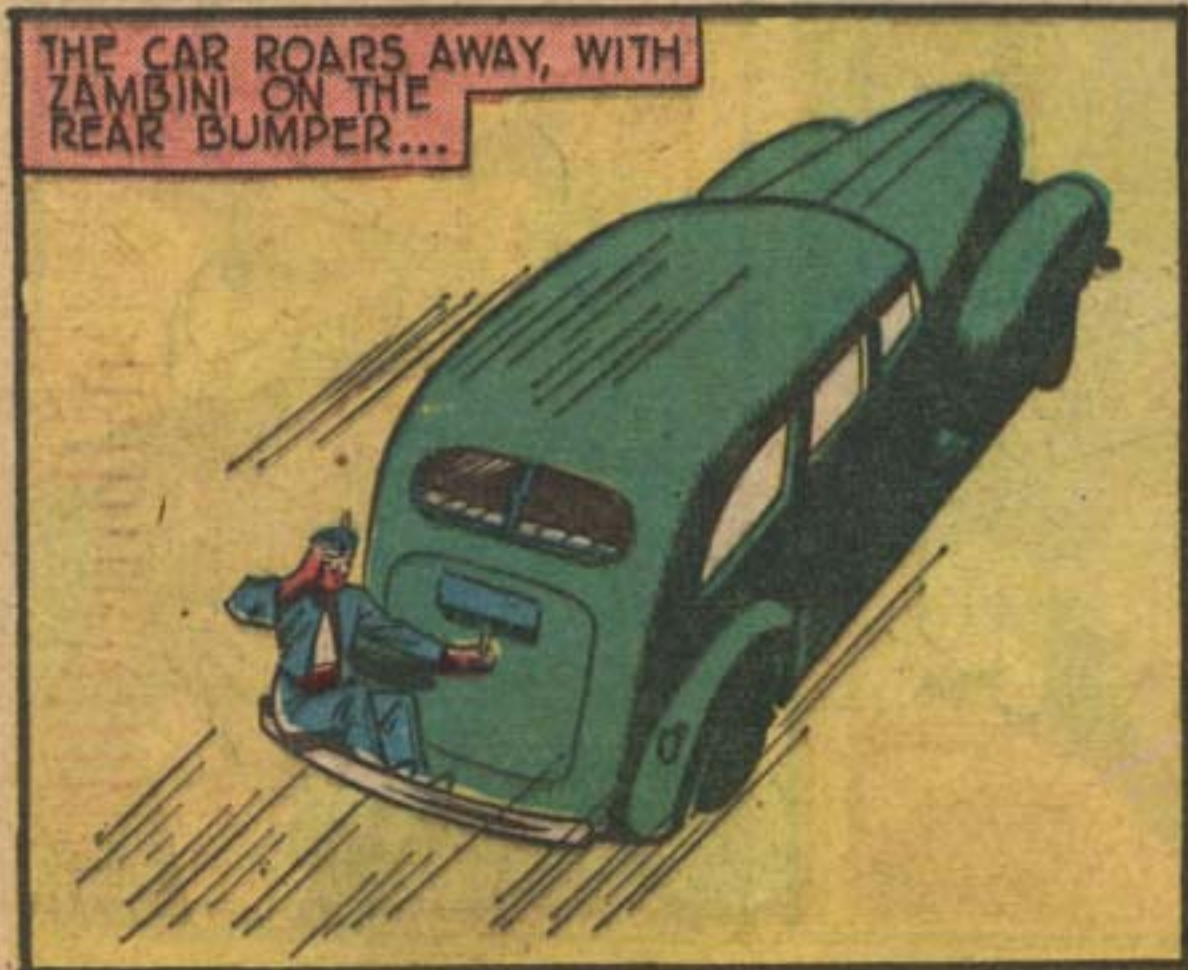


MARY TRACEY HAS DISAPPEARED!

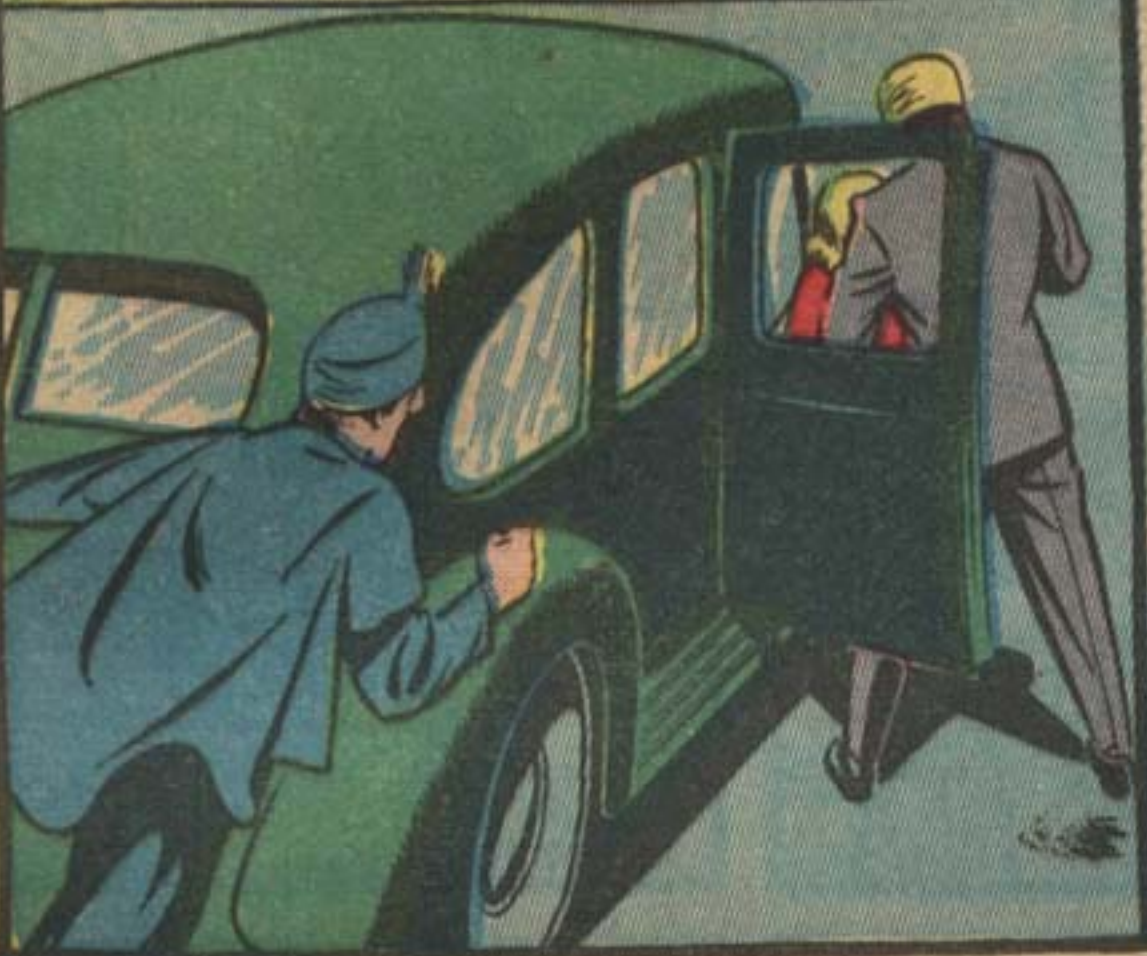


SIM BALI MIB!
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE
WITH THE
GIRL!...
SPEAK!

WHAT
MANNER OF
IMPERTINENCE
IS THIS?
YOU'RE BREAK-
ING UP THE
SHOW!



CAUTIOUSLY THE MIRACLE MAN EDGES AROUND THE CAR...



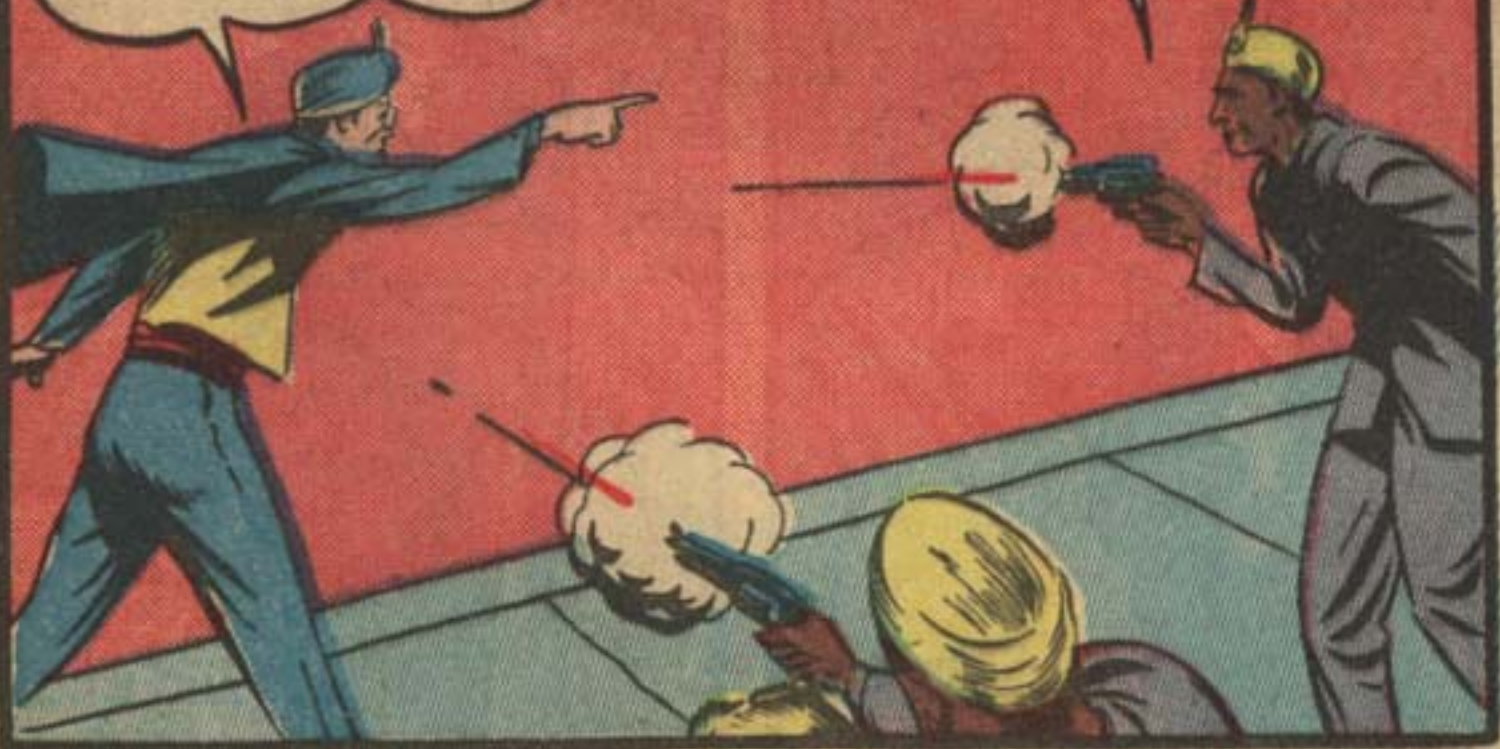
AS THE HAITIANS TRAIN THEIR GUNS AT HIM, ZAMBINI GRASPS HIS MAGIC BOOMERANG AMULET!..



ZAMBINI GESTURES!

BABULLABETS
BABECABOMABE
BABUMBLEBABEES!

THIS IS YOUR DEATH,
MEDDLER!...THE
WHITE GIRL IS OUR
PRIZE!



THE BULLETS
BECOME-
ANGRY
BUMBLE-
BEES!..



THE BEES TURN ON THE GUNMEN....



MARY!..MARY!
LOOK AT ME!...
THE SPELL
IS BROKEN!



YOU HAD A MIGHTY
CLOSE CALL, YOUNG
LADY!... COME!..
LET'S GO BACK
TO THE THEATRE!

WHAT!..
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ME?





MEANWHILE...ON THE STAGE...

JUST WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE, YOU? WE WANT TH' LOW DOWN!

IT IS ALL ONLY PART OF THE ACT!



YEAH? WELL, LET'S SEE YOU PRODUCE THEM PEOPLE AGAIN!



I HAVE SAVED HIM THAT TROUBLE! HERE WE ARE!



ARREST THIS MAN!.. HIS WHOLE INTENTION WAS TO FIND A BEAUTIFUL WHITE GIRL TO TAKE BACK TO HAITI AS THE QUEEN OF HIS RELIGIOUS FANATICS!



VERY CLEVER!.. BUT YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH A PISTOL!

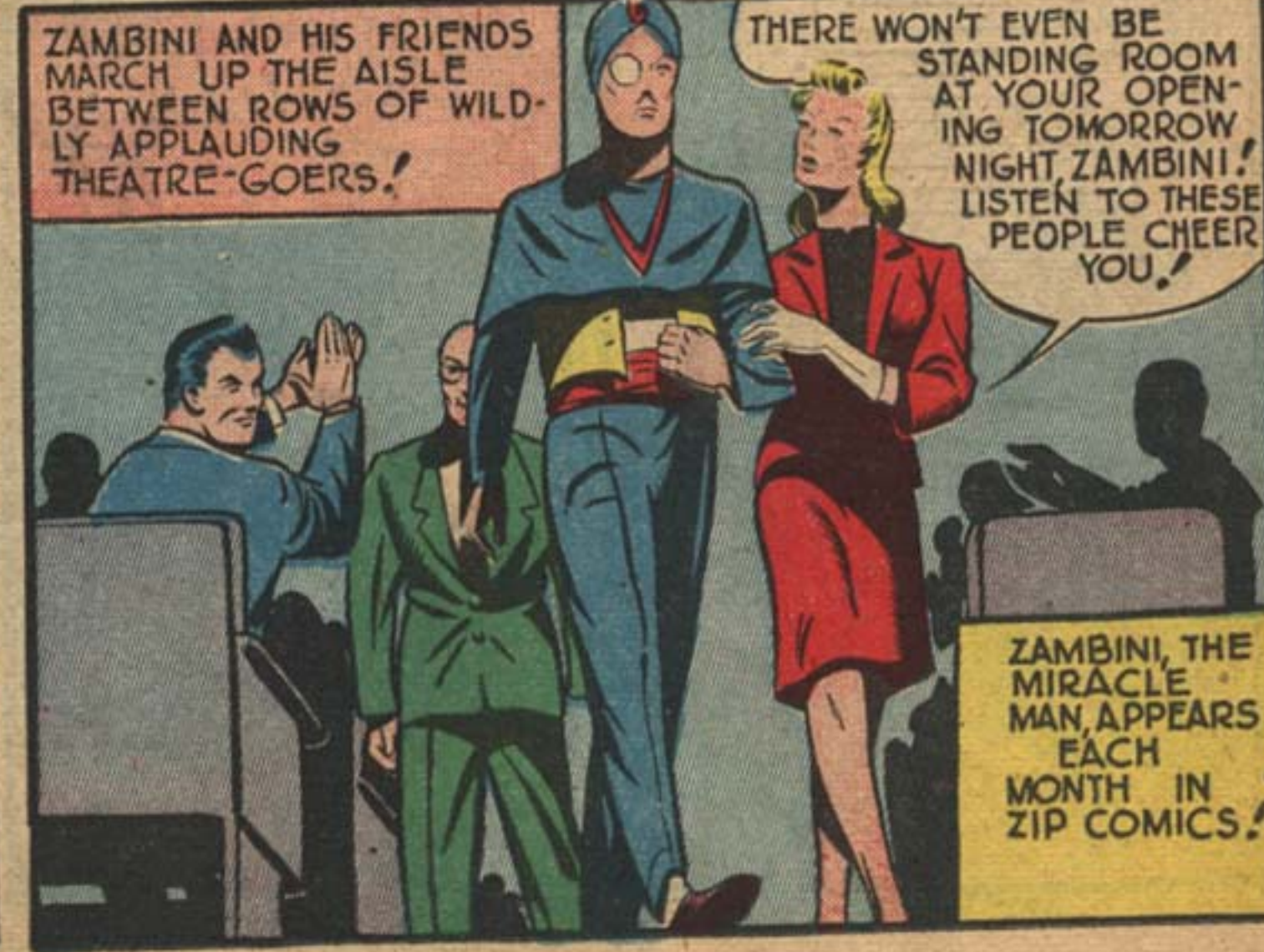
TABURN ABENTABO ABA STABATA TUE!



THE EVIL MAGICIAN BECOMES AS STIFF AND STILL AS A STATUE!



YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE CONVICTING HIM! I SHALL APPEAR PERSONALLY AGAINST HIM AT HIS TRIAL!



ZAMBINI AND HIS FRIENDS MARCH UP THE AISLE BETWEEN ROWS OF WILDLY APPLAUDING THEATRE-GOERS!

THERE WON'T EVEN BE STANDING ROOM AT YOUR OPENING TOMORROW NIGHT ZAMBINI! LISTEN TO THESE PEOPLE CHEER YOU!

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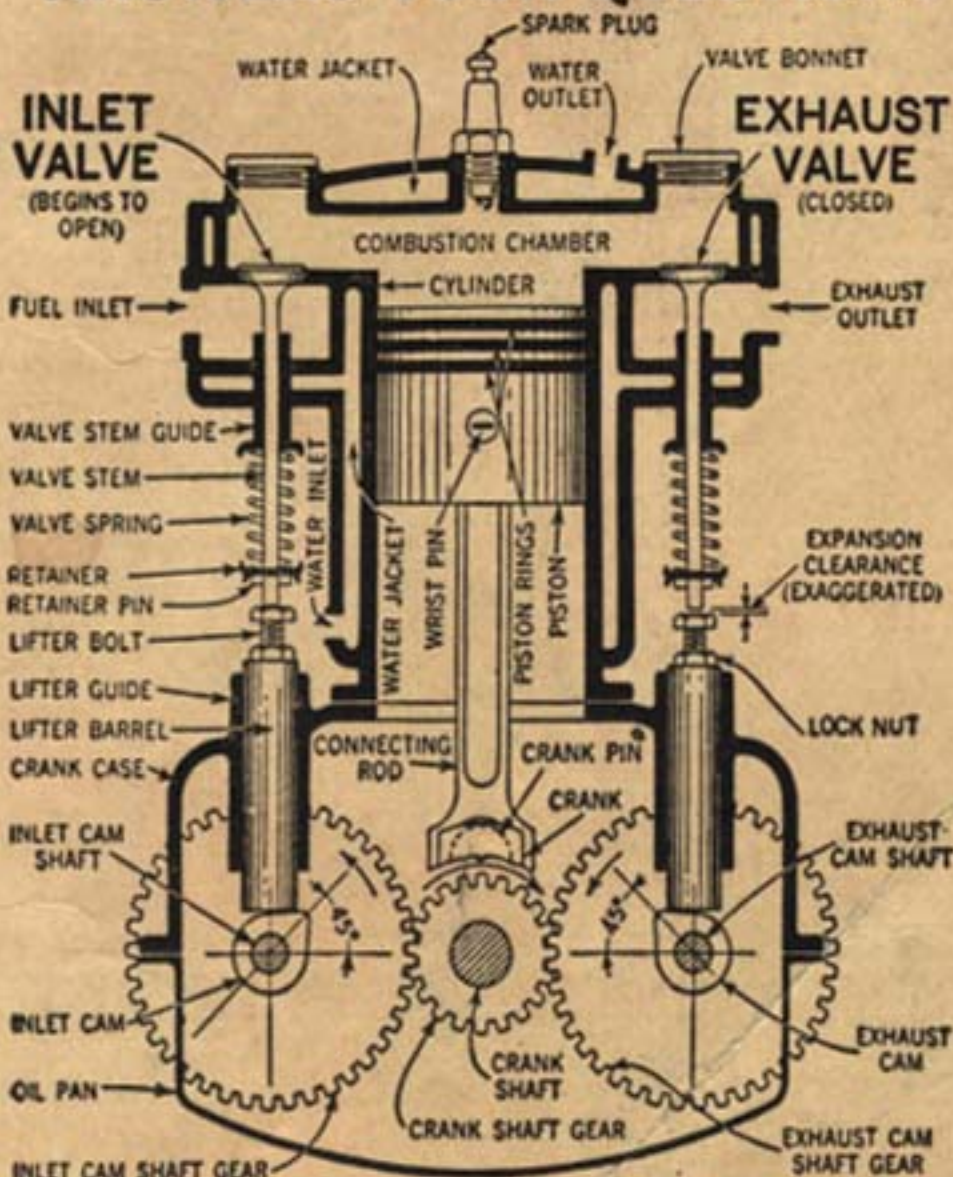
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